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FERDIE DE LA TORRE
With first lady Diann Tudela Torres by his side, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres addresses his supporters that converged yesterday under a tent near the parking lot of the Legislature.

# TORRES IS ACQUITTED!

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In a vote that largely hewed to party-lines, the Senate acquitted Gov. Ralph DLG Torres yesterday of the six Articles of Impeachment brought by the House of Representatives, finding him not guilty of corruption and neglect of duty charges.

After the conclusion of the impeachment trial, Torres arrived at a tent near the Legislature's parking lot where his family members and supporters greeted him with cheers.

The teary-eyed Torres, who was smiling, was hugged tightly by first lady Diann Tudela Torres and his brothers. Journey's *Don't Stop Believin'* could be heard playing on a loop from a nearby speaker.

Torres thanked the Senate for giving him the opportunity to air his side, taking time and due diligence in conducting the impeachment trial.

The governor also thanked people for showing their support and love.

"No one was forced, you came out voluntarily. And I can't thank you enough and because of you guys, and our people…we continue to wake up every day [and] do what is

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## Guam judge to handle Manglona suit vs Senate

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The CNMI Supreme Court has officially appointed Guam Superior Court Judge Alberto Tolentino to hear the complaint filed by Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) against the Republican members of the CNMI Senate.

In an order yesterday, Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro officially appointed Tolentino as judge pro tempore to hear the complaint filed by Manglona and two other CNMI residents against members of the Senate.

Castro informed the parties that they have 10 days to file a motion if they want Tolentino disqualified.

"A party shall file a motion to disqualify within 10 days from the date of this order should they believe that reasonable grounds exist for the judge pro tempore to be disqualified from this matter. The motion shall state specifically the grounds for such disqualification. Unless the motion to disqualify is

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Tolentino

## Conge wins 2022 NMI Congressional Art Competition

Gericho Conge of Marianas High School has been named the winner of the 2022 Northern Marianas Congressional Art Competition.

A group of local artist-judges chose Conge's work from among 15 entries submitted by Northern Marianas high school students for the annual competition.

"Congratulations to Mr. Conge for winning this year's Congressional Art Competition," said Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), whose office hosted the competition. "With the Capitol gradually reopening its doors to visitors, I am excited to see Gericho's work displayed in the Capitol tunnel, alongside other winning artwork from across the nation. …Every year, I am so impressed at the skill and attention to detail that our young artists display in their submissions. I commend all the students who submitted their art for this year's competition, and I thank our artist judges who took the time to review and evaluate their entries."

Conge's work, titled *Hopeful Sunrise,* is a seascape with a lighthouse and

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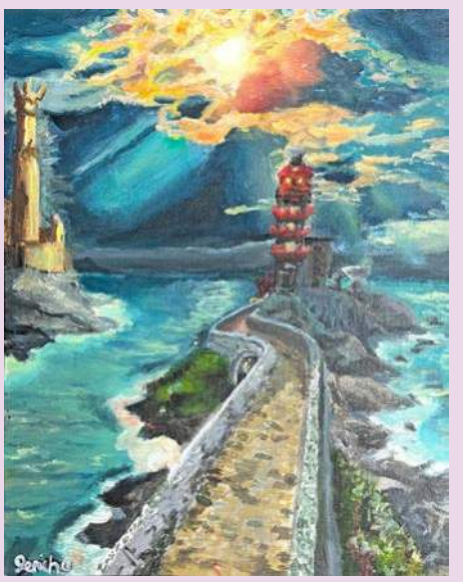

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Gericho Conge's winning artwork, "Hopeful Sunrise."

## Meth seized from inbound passenger

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*Source: Office of the Governor*

The CNMI Customs and Biosecurity Division intercepted over 70 grams of methamphetamine or "ice" that an arriving passenger had tried to sneak in at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

According to a report from the division, Customs officers seized approximately 72.8 gross grams of crystal methamphetamine on a male passenger during a routine Customs and biosecurity

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LEIGH GASES

Top Ten awardees of the Class of 2022 Kagman High School graduating class, from right to left, Shannea Mae Javate Dino, Dasol Erin Kim, Helen Chen, Rabeya Akter, Kayla Patriz Tanate San Nicolas, Ezra Gabriel Camacho Towai, Ely Joseph De Guzman Taitano, Mikyla Cruz Capalad, Alex Benjamin Menchikh Megino, and Princess Rikki Dela Cruz Lacson.

# Local

# Dino and Kim lead KHS Class of 2022

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Shannea Mae Javate Dino and Dasol Erin Kim led 115 of their classmates during Kagman High School's graduation ceremony at the American Memorial Park amphitheater last Tuesday.

**SHANNEA MAE JAVATE DINO**
Valedictorian

**DASOL ERIN KIM**
Salutatorian

Dino, who was named the class valedictorian, also received the Board of Education Award, which was presented to her by BOE chair Gregory Borja, while Kim, the class salutatorian, received the Commissioner of Education Award, which was presented by Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada.

The Top Ten overall students were also recognized. They included Dino, Kim, Helen Chen, Rabeya Akter, Kayla Patriz Tanate San Nicolas, Ezra Gabriel Camacho Towai, Ely Joseph De Guzman Taitano, Mikyla Cruz Capalad, Alex Benjamin Menchikh Megino, and Princess Rikki Dela Cruz Lacson.

The Governor's Leadership Award was given to Victoria Mary Igitol Pangelinan for exemplifying leadership, excellence, service, and citizenship.

The recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Award, presented by Lt. Gov. Arnold Palacios, was Ely Joseph De Guzman Taitano, who also exemplified leadership, excellence, service, and citizenship.

The Principal's Award was presented by the three Kagman High School principals to Jacoby Sylvestry Cabrera.

The Outstanding Female Graduate Award was presented to San Nicolas. The award goes to the student who is a strong female role model within the graduating class, has a GPA of 3.5 or higher, a good working relationship with other students, and demonstrates a commitment to women's issues through service and advocacy.

The Mayor's Award went to Chen, who was third in her class overall.

The PTSA Award was given to Liekeila'akata Tapua'ialupe lakopo.

The "Ayuyu Spirit Award" was presented to Kristan Razon Isip.

The Female Athlete of the Year honor went to Wallis Ma-

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# MANGO celebrates progress with CNMI nonprofits

Since kicking off the Lemmai-Mei Nonprofit Incubator Project in January 2021, the Marianas Alliance of Non-governmental Organizations has already helped three organizations acquire their federal EINs, four organizations with their 501(c)(3) (tax-exempt) applications, four organizations with funding proposals, and three fiscal sponsorships.

In addition, MANGO has been servicing the following organizations in support of their mission of providing the CNMI community with special and needed services to our CNMI community:

■ Administrative services: 4-H Marianas; Amelia Earhart Memorial Monument Inc.; Inetnun Kutturan Natibun Marianas; Tano, Tasi, yan Todu; Pacific Islands Nutrition in Action; Western Pacific Maritime Academy; Transfer Marianas; Chamolinian Cultural Village, Inc.;

■ **Social Media services**: 500 Sails

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■ **Consulting:** Pride Marianas; Saipan Cares for Animals; Isla Montessori;

MANGO is a CNMI nonprofit established in 2010 in response to a critical need to provide the nonprofit community of the CNMI with guidance on how to register a nonprofit organization with the CNMI and federal governments, obtain tax-exempt status, pursue funding opportunities, and to give the nonprofit sector a collective voice in the community and at local, regional and international forums. MANGO is recognized locally and regionally as the official umbrella organization for nonprofits in the CNMI.

MANGO's long-term goal is to provide leadership and technical assistance for nonprofit organizations in the CNMI.

"Our objective is to ensure that existing and new nonprofits become financially independent and self-sufficient," said the group in a recent news release.

To help in those endeavors, MANGO can be the administrative arm for nonprofit members, so that they can focus their energies and resources on providing programs and services to our community. "MANGO—with community partners—will support and empower nonprofits as they take on leadership roles. We will work in flexible groupings that pool our collective strength to face the defining challenges of our time," the news release added. ***(PR)***

# Precinct 2 spring cleanup this Saturday

Precinct 2 residents are invited to clean up around their homes and neighborhoods this Saturday, May 21, 2022.

Bring collected household waste, roadside litter, yard debris, and junk appliances to the Mount Carmel field in Chalan Kanoa (in front of the cemetery) between 8am and 12pm. Please note: no hazardous materials will be accepted.

For more information, or assistance with trash pickup or supplies on Saturday, call the Office of Rep. Christina Sablan at 664-8829 or 285-5392, or the Office of Rep. John Paul Sablan at 664-8841. ***(PR)***

## METH

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clearance of arriving passengers at the airport.

In a previous interview with Customs officials, *Saipan Tribune* learned that the street value of methamphetamine in the CNMI is around $500 to $600 a gram right now, mainly because of tight supplies.

The Customs Biosecurity Division made the seizure with the assistance of law enforcement partners from the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Because it is an open investigation, the male passenger has yet to be identified.

Customs officers reported that the male passenger arrived via United Airlines Flight 116 at approximately 6:25am and was examined for routine Customs clearance.

Through the clearance process and the inspection of the passenger's belongings, officers found two small clear plastic baggies containing the residue of a white crystalline substance inside a backpack. A presumptive positive test was conducted on the residue, and it yielded a positive result for methamphetamine.

Customs officers inspected the man's additional baggage, a duffel bag, and allegedly noticed a small white silica gel packet that appeared altered. Silica gel packets are packets used to absorb moisture to keep items dry.

Customs officers then opened the packet and observed white crystalline substance inside that also yielded positive for methamphetamine following a presumptive test.

In addition to the crystalline substance discovered in the man's belongings, officers also discovered one clear medium-sized Ziploc baggie and one small clear Ziploc baggie containing white crystalline substance on the passenger himself.

This comes in the wake of recent drug seizures made by Customs. In the first quarter of 2022 alone, the division intercepted roughly over eight pounds of methamphetamine worth over $1 million at the CNMI's ports of entry like the U.S. Postal Service, the Port of Saipan, and now the Saipan airport.

The most recent seizure happened last May 1, when Customs seized over two pounds of ice. The interception led to the discovery of a meth den in Papago.

The largest seizure this year was the interception of over 5 lbs of meth at the U.S. Post Office last March.

## CONGE

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a bridge leading to it. Conge describes his piece as "Primary light: The sun. The clouds absorb the light, but eventually recede and darken as they get further from the sun. The sun's rays hit a castle in the distance illuminating it. The light hits a lighthouse and the latte stones on top and beside it. A bridge leads to them." Conge's acrylic piece will be displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., and he will receive an invitation to attend this year's Congressional Art Competition National Reception.

Each year in the spring, Members of Congress host the Congressional Art Competition for high school students in their districts. Students can submit artwork using a variety of media, such as oil, charcoal, watercolors, pencils, photographs, collages, prints, or computer-generated art for the chance to have their work displayed on the U.S. Capitol. This is the fourteenth year that students from the Northern Mariana Islands have been able to participate in the Congressional Art Competition. ***(PR)***

## DINO

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rie Kaipat Bai and the Male Athlete of the Year went to Darren Jose Dela Cruz Pangelinan.

There were also "Department Content Area Awards" for graduates who worked diligently over the course of four years and have earned the honor of being the best in their respective subject areas.

The Language Arts Award was presented to both Dino and Kim.

The Science Award was presented to the top three graduates: Dino, Kim, and Chen.

The Yearbook Award was presented to Jacob Peter Hamilton Aldan, Merced Jacqueline Camacho Aldan, Capalad, Chen, and Kaiannylupe Ruthine Sablan Cruz.

The Co-op Award was presented to Jian Carlo Alvarez Marquez and Darren Jose Dela Cruz Pangelinan, Dino, Dezerae Joy Ogumoro Iginoef, Marquez, Jelshie Joy Malsol Pangelinan, and Princes Neil Dela Rosa Pasion.

The Math Award went to Dino and Lacson.

The Social Studies Award went to Dino and Akter.

The Foreign Language Award went to Chen, Dino, San Nicolas, and Taitano.

For Physical Education, the award went to Darren Jose Dela Cruz Pangelinan and Dino.

For Computers, the award went to Chen and Lacson.

For Culinary Arts, the award went to Gavin Dylan Asano Deleon Guerrero and Iginoef.

The Art Award went to Capalad, Bernalie Tina Dafrow, and San Nicolas.

# 'Timely, clear, and just decision'

Rep. Celina Babauta (D-Saipan), who chairs the House of Representatives' Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, thanked Superior Court judge pro tempore Timothy H. Bellas and the court's staff for what she describes as a "timely, clear and just decision that upholds legislative immunity."

This comes soon after Bellas ruled Tuesday afternoon that the JGO is immune from Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' lawsuit and reaffirmed that the governor is not immune to the committee's subpoena authority.

In a news release yesterday, Babauta said she knew the subpoena fell within the sphere of legitimate legislative activity and claimed Bellas' decision as a victory for the CNMI government's system of checks and balances.

Bbabauta

"The governor was grasping at straws to avoid testifying under oath and today he left the court empty-handed," hairwoman Babauta said. "This ruling confirms our knowledge that nobody is above the law, not even Gov. Torres."

The ruling has further implications, as Bellas' decision undermines the assertions made during the Senate impeachment hearings Monday afternoon by Torres' counsel, Ross Garber. The ruling also clears the way for the contempt charge filed against Torres by Attorney General Edward Manibusan.

In his ruling Tuesday afternoon, Bellas said Torres and his legal team of Joseph Horey, Richard Miller, Ross Garber, and Gilbert Birnbrich "failed to provide any detail regarding the subject matters covered by the subpoena or how they allegedly implicate information protected by executive privilege."

Further, Bellas ruled, "a plaintiff should not be able to file a bare-bones complaint devoid of factual allegations and subsequently benefit from arguing that any relevant documents submitted by the defendant in support of a motion to dismiss is extrinsic evidence of factual disputes more appropriately reserved for a later stage of the litigation."

The lawsuit came about after Torres failed to appear in the House of Representative chamber on Dec. 10, 2021, to evade questions under oath from the JGO committee about his extravagant expenditures and first-class travel. He again failed to appear four days later when the committee offered him an accommodation to evade a contempt charge.

Aware that his failure to appear would amount to contempt, Torres sought relief from the Judiciary, claimed the JGO's subpoena was "invalid and unlawful," and did not appear in the House chamber. ***(PR)***

## GUAM

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granted, judge pro tempore Tolentino shall have full authority to serve as in this matter and shall carry out the duties and powers inherent with the appointment," he said.

Castro noted that the Supreme Court has the authority to appoint a judge outside of the CNMI to preside over a case if there is no CNMI judge to hear the case.

"Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja has informed the court that the sitting judges in the Superior Court have recused themselves from the matter. Under the authority of Article IV, Section 9 of the NMI Constitution and in furtherance of the prompt and efficient dispatch of court business, the chief justice may designate a judge pro tempore as necessary," he stated.

Manglona's complaint revolved around the alleged violations the Senate chamber made throughout the impeachment process and sought relief in the form of a temporary restraining order to stop the Senate from carrying out the impeachment trial against Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and suspend the proceedings until the court ruled on the complaint.

However, the appointment order was only issued a day before the Senate's unanimous decision to acquit Torres on all six Articles of Impeachment.

In a brief statement from Manglona, however, he said that, although the trial has concluded and the governor has been acquitted, he and his co-plaintiffs intend to carry on with the complaint because the Senate impeachment rules allegedly still violated the Constitution.

"The Open Government Act was violated. The impeachment rules are illegal," Manglona stated.

Manglona's co-*pro se* plaintiffs are CNMI residents Carmen Patricia Deleon Guerrero and Bruce Lee Jorgensen. Their complaint names Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), and Sens. Karl King-Nabors (R-Tinian), Victor Hocog (R-Rota), Francisco Cruz (R-Rota), Vinnie Sablan (R-Saipan), and Justo Quitugua (R-Saipan) as defendants.

Manglona and his co-plaintiffs have filed five causes of actions to sue Republican members of the Senate on the grounds of violations of the Open Government Act, violations of the CNMI Constitution, breach of constitutional duty, and alleged deprivation of due process and civil rights.

## TORRES

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right," he said.

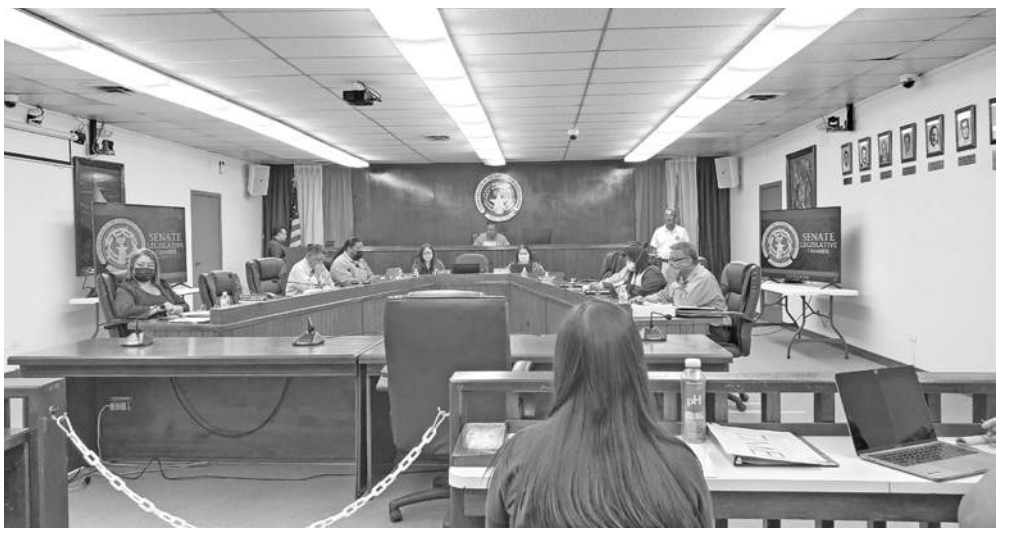
Torres said whether it's typhoon or pandemic he is always there for the Commonwealth. "To the people of the Commonwealth, I have stood beside you guys, work for you guys and I will continue to work for you," said Torres, who received loud applause.

In an interview with the media, Torres said his legal team did an awesome job and that he commends all of them for the time and effort that they put into this impeachment trial.

Torres, 42, is the titular head of the NMI's GOP and is seeking re-election this November.

All four Republican senators—Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota), Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), and Karl King-Nabors (R-Tinian)—voted "no" to impeach Torres, while minority bloc Sens. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota), Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan), and Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota) all voted "yes."

Sens. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan) and Justo S. Quitugua recused from participating in the trial. Sablan is Torres' running mate in the coming election, while Quitugua earlier said that the governor's maternal grandfather is his mother's sibling.



Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) calls for the vote on six Articles of Impeachment against Gov. Ralph DLG Torres in yesterday's proceedings. With four senators voting "no" and three senators voting "yes," Torres is acquitted of all charges. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

For each of the six Articles of Impeachment, Hofschneider asked the senators if clear and convincing evidence exists to sustain the Articles of Impeachment against Torres that would warrant his removal from the Office of the Governor.

After hearing the roll call of votes, Hofschneider said with three "yes" votes and four "no" votes, the Articles of Impeachment failed to garner the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the nine-member Senate to convict, therefore all articles are not sustained, and Torres is hereby acquitted of the charges in all six Articles of Impeachment.

He said this concludes the Senate's review of House Resolution 22-14 impeaching Torres with six Articles of Impeachment.

"The impeachment proceedings of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is hereby closed and the Senate as an impeachment tribunal is hereby adjourned *sine die*," Hofschneider said.

Article 1 charged Torres with commission of felony: theft of utility services; Article 2 with commission of felony: theft; Article 3 with corruption: unlawful first-class and business-class travel; Article 4 with corruption: misuse of government resources; Article 5 with neglect of duty: negligence during crisis; and Article 6 with neglect of duty: contempt of the Legislature.

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# Woman accused of beating minor over money is released

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The Superior Court has granted the release of a woman accused of severely beating a minor over $10.

During a bail modification hearing last Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho granted the release of Rosel Ayuyu Imperial, 39, on a $20,000 unsecured bail.

When a defendant is released on unsecured bail, they are immediately released without having to post the bail amount up front. However, if the defendant fails to comply with any of the court's release conditions, the defendant may be ordered to pay the entire bail amount on top of the possible revocation of their release.

Imperial, who is facing charges of child abuse and assault and battery—to include domestic violence—has since been released to a third-party custodian and was ordered to return to court on May 20, for her preliminary hearing while her arraignment was set for May 23, at 9am.

According to a Department of Public Safety press release, officers arrested Imperial on a warrant last May 12. However, the child abuse incident allegedly happened back in March 14, over a month prior to the arrest. The incident was reported by a local high school counselor.

A forensic interview was conducted with the minor who confirmed that a close relative physically abused her over $10 on March 14.

The school counselor allegedly observed injuries on the minor after the minor's cousin called the school informing them of the incident on March 15. Police were immediately called.

In a follow-up investigation, officers noted that the child had several injuries on her arms and leg due to punches, pinching, biting, and hair-pulling.

The victim said she sustained all the injuries from the same relative. According to court documents, the victim stated that on March 14, after returning home from her cousin's house, Imperial got mad at her over $10 because when she had asked her for it, the victim stated that she didn't have it.

The victim said Imperial hit her, pinched her, pulled her hair, punched her, and even bit her.

After the alleged beating, the victim said she took her bag and ran off to her cousin's house.

The victim's cousin reported the incident to the school counselor, who, in turn, reported the incident to the school's principal and the police.

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## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS (2):** Elementary School Teacher – Prepare, teach, and facilitate lessons and monitor and manage students in classroom in accordance to the set objectives of the school curriculum. Give assignments, grade, and provide feedback on student work. Complete general administrative work and participate in extracurricular activities. Education: Bachelor's in Primary or Secondary Education; Experience: 24 Months as an Elementary, Middle, or Secondary School Teacher. Send Resume to: Green Meadow School, Attn: Milagros Songcuan, P.O. Box 502862, MP 96950.

## COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
## CUC-RAESP-22-024
### INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed Architectural & Engineering Services Proposal from qualified firms to update the 2016 CUC Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which identified a long-range plan for the most cost-effective mix of energy resources, both supply-side and demand-side management (DSM) and included a review of commercially available base load and renewable energy alternatives. The updated Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) will include optimizing this power supply portfolio to minimize costs while maximizing sustainability and resiliency while including the lasted in renewable, DSM, and operating technologies.

*This project is funded by a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for the project award from Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) and HUD.*

The RAESP package may be obtained via email between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $300.00 for one RFP package set. **To register for the RAESP, please contact Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Technician Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.**

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal; and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal** must be submitted in a separately sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RAESP-22-024, Integrated Resource Plan"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 24, 2022.** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

All responses to this RAESP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This RAESP does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 10, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Procurement Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Anne Crocket, CUC Power Division Chief Engineer via email address anne.crocket@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

## COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## INVITATION FOR BIDS
## CUC-IFB-22-014
### SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE II
### (ROYAL PALM AVENUE AND GINGER AVENUE – GARAPAN)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Sewer Main Replacement Phase II (Royal Palm Avenue and Ginger Avenue – Garapan) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of but not limited to the installation of gravity sewer main, new sewer manholes, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, and the abandonment of existing sewerline, removal and disposal of existing sewer manholes.

*The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and CUC. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.*

CUC requires the project to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **May 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST** be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-22-014, Sewer Main Replacement Phase II (Royal Palm Avenue and Ginger Avenue – Garapan)"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 1, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding if the bid requirements in the course of the Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the Unites States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one Hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

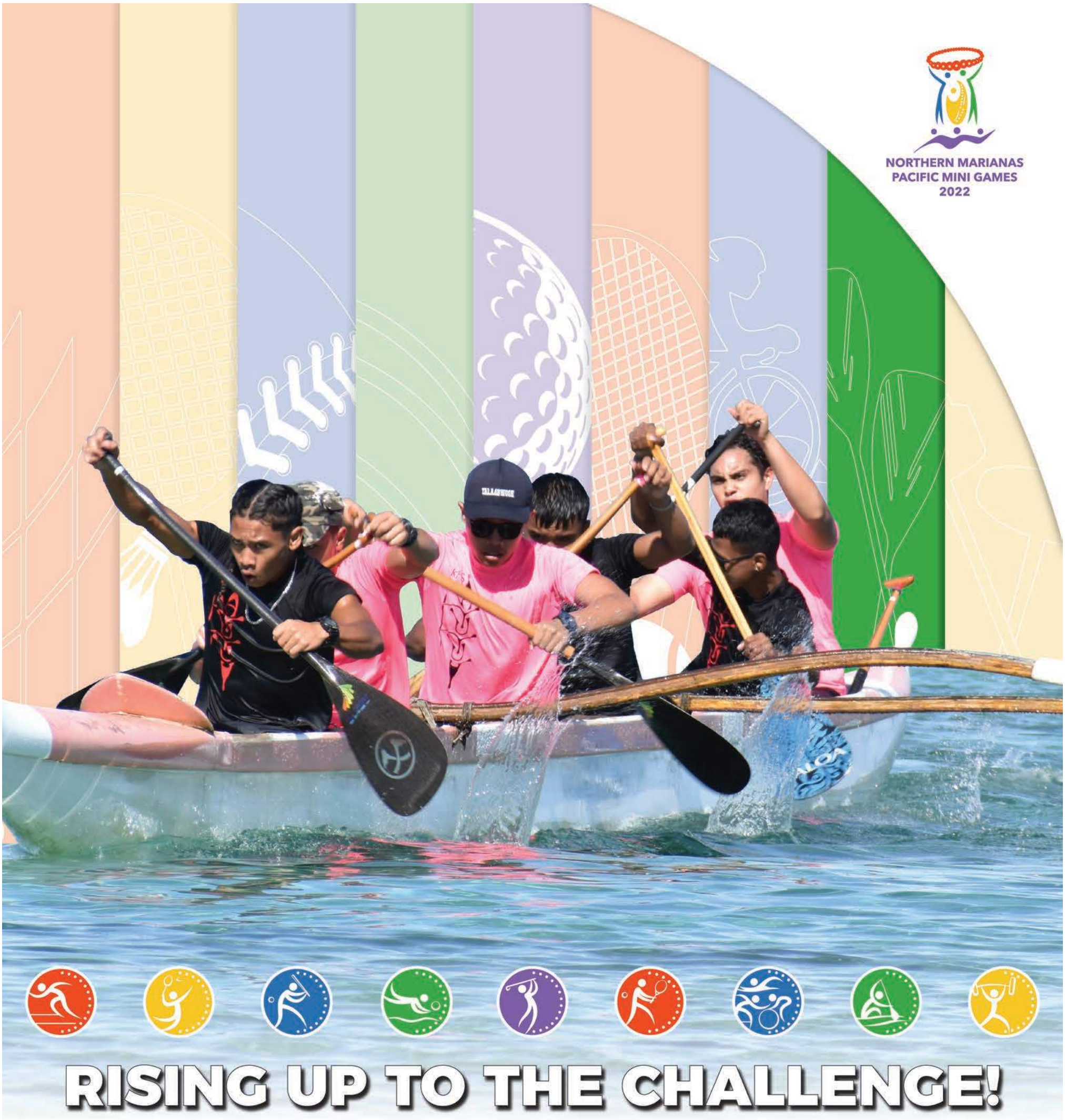
Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 13, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Larry Manacop, CUC's Acting Chief Engineer via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org, Dennis Formalejo, CUC's Engineer via email at dennis.formalejo@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, CUC's Senior Administrative Technician via email address at christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY P. CAMACHO**
**Executive Director**

**MANNY B. SABLAN**
**Purchasing Administrator**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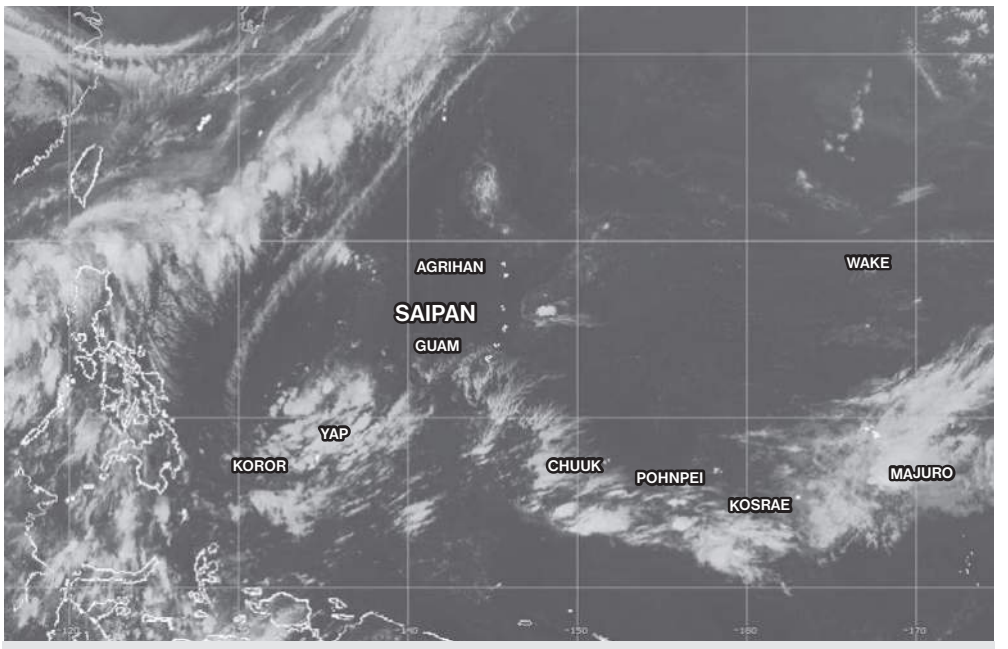
# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly sunny, with Isolated showers. East wind 7 to 11 mph. | Mostly sunny. East southeast wind 5 to 9 mp | Partly cloudy,. | Sunny,. | Partly cloudy, with Scattered showers. |
| 88° 75° | 88° 75° | 88° 75° | 88° 75° | 89° 75° |

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE




**PICTURE TIME:9:09 AM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022**

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows widely scattered showers moving through the Marianas Waters. A small circulation is to the northeast of Saipan, and should pass through the northern CNMI soon. The buoys reveal combined seas of 3 to 5 feet composed mainly of trade-wind swell from just north of east and just south of east.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

| MICRONESIA | | ▲ ▼ °F |
|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Partly Cloudy | 31 / 26 °F |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | 27 / 25 °F |
| Yap | Scattered Thunderstorms | 29 / 26 °F |
| Chuuk | Scattered Thunderstorms | 30 / 26 °F |
| Pohnpei | Scattered Thunderstorms | 30 / 25 °F |
| Kosrae | Scattered Thunderstorms | 30 / 26 °F |
| Majuro | Scattered Thunderstorms | 29 / 27 °F |

| DAY | SUNRISE | SUNSET |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 05:47 AM | 18:39 PM |
| Friday | 05:47 AM | 18:39 PM |
| Saturday | 18:40 AM | 18:39 PM |
| Sunday | 05:46 AM | 18:40 PM |
| Monday | 05:46 AM | 18:40 PM |

| DAY | MOONRISE | MOONSET | MOONRISE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Today | - | 08:27 PM | 22:07 PM |
| Friday | - | 09:33 PM | 23:07 PM |
| Saturday | - | 10:38PM | - |
| Sunday | 00:01 | 11:39 PM | - |
| Monday | 00:49 | 12:37 PM | - |

| AROUND THE GLOBE | | ▲ ▼ °F |
|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Rain | 19 / 14 °F |
| Beijing | Mostly Cloudy | 32 / 17 °F |
| Hong Kong | Cloudy | 26 / 23 °F |
| Honolulu | Scattered Thunderstorms | 28 / 23 °F |
| London | Partly Cloudy | 22 / 12 °F |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | 23 / 15°F |
| Manila | Thunderstorms | 30 / 26 °F |
| Melbourne | Partly Cloudy | 15 / 10 °F |
| Miami | Partly Cloudy | 30 / 25 °F |
| New York | AM Showers | 23 / 16 °F |
| Osaka | Mostly Cloudy | 25 / 17 °F |
| Paris | Rain/Thunder | 26 / 17 °F |
| Busan | Cloudy | 24 / 16 °F |
| Rome | Sunny | 28 / 14 °F |
| Salem | Mostly Sunny | 34 / 19 °F |
| San Francisco | Mostly Sunny | 21 / 11 °F |
| Seoul | Partly Cloudy | 26 / 13 °F |
| Tokyo | Mostly Sunny | 26 / 17 °F |
| Washington, DC | Partly Cloudy | 30 / 18 °F |

| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY | | FEET |
|---|---|---|
| 04:08 AM | Low Tide | 1.46 |
| 08:41 AM | High Tide | 2.07 |
| 4:19 PM | Low Tide | -0.46 |
| 11:49 PM | High Tide | 2.10 |

# STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

**Continue good hand hygiene**

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

**Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic**

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

**Rumor control**

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

*Source: Office of the Governor*

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# FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 1, 2022

## DEPARTURES

### SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA117 | 6:35AM | 7:15AM | 1, 3, 6 |
| UA117 | 9:50AM | 10:35AM | 2, 4, 5, 7 |

### GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| PR 111 | 6:00AM | 8:00AM | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA193 | 7:05PM | 10:55PM | 5 via Palau |
| UA183 | 7:10PM | 9:10PM | Daily |

### SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA117/183 | 6:35AM | 9:10PM | 1, 3, 6 via Guam |
| UA117/193 | 6:35AM | 10:55PM | 5 via Guam, Palau |
| UA117/183 | 9:50AM | 9:10PM | 2, 4, 5, 7 via Guam |

### SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TW9308 | 3:30PM | 7:20PM | 4, 7 |
| 7C3405 | 3:30PM | 7:25PM | 6 |
| RS112 | 3:45PM | 7:30PM | 3, 6 |
| 7C3405 | 3:50PM | 7:45PM | 3 |
| OZ624 | 4:00PM | 7:40PM | 3, 6 |

### SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BX622 | 3:10PM | 6:30PM | 3, 7 |

## ARRIVALS

### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA116 | 5:00AM | 5:45AM | 1, 3, 6 |
| UA116 | 8:00AM | 8:45AM | 5, 7 |
| UA174 | 8:00AM | 8:45AM | 2, 4 |

### MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| PR110 | 10:35PM | 4:35AM+1 | 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA184 | 10:25PM | 4:20AM+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA192 | 10:25PM | 6:05AM+1 | 5 via Palau |
| UA184 | 11:50PM | 5:40AM+1 | 5 |

### MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA184/116 | 10:25PM | 5:45AM+1 | 2, 5, 7 via Guam |
| UA184/116 | 10:25PM | 8:45AM+1 | 1, 3 via Guam |
| UA184/174 | 10:25PM | 8:45AM+1 | 4, 6 via Guam |

### INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3406 | 8:30AM | 2:10PM | 6 |
| RS111 | 8:45AM | 2:05PM | 3, 6 |
| 7C3406 | 8:50AM | 2:30PM | 3 |
| TW9307 | 9:00AM | 2:30PM | 4, 7 |
| OZ623 | 9:00AM | 2:30PM | 3, 6 |

### BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BX621 | 8:00AM | 1:10PM | 3, 7 |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

# STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

### SAIPAN TO ROTA

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1301 | 8:30AM | 9:00AM | Daily |
| 1302 | 11:00AM | 11:30AM | Daily |
| 1303 | 1:30PM | 2:00PM | Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri |
| 1304 | 3:30PM | 4:00PM | Daily |

### ROTA TO SAIPAN

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3101 | 9:30AM | 10:00AM | Daily |
| 3102 | 12:00AM | 12:30AM | Daily |
| 3103 | 1:30PM | 3:00PM | Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri |
| 3104 | 4:30PM | 5:00PM | Daily |

### ROTA TO GUAM

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3401 | 12:15 | 12:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |

### GUAM TO ROTA

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4301 | 13:00 | 13:30 | Temporarily Unavailable |

### SAIPAN TO TINIAN

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1201 | 7:00 | 7:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1202 | 8:00 | 8:15 | Daily |
| 1203 | 9:00 | 9:15 | Daily |
| 1204 | 10:00 | 10:15 | Daily |
| 1205 | 11:00 | 11:15 | Daily |
| 1206 | 12:00 | 12:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1207 | 13:00 | 13:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1208 | 14:00 | 14:15 | Daily |
| 1209 | 15:00 | 15:15 | Daily |
| 1210 | 16:00 | 16:15 | Daily |
| 1211 | 17:00 | 17:15 | Daily |
| 1212 | 17:00 | 17:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |

### TINIAN TO SAIPAN

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2101 | 7:30 | 7:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2102 | 8:30 | 8:45 | Daily |
| 2103 | 9:30 | 9:45 | Daily |
| 2104 | 10:30 | 10:45 | Daily |
| 2105 | 11:30 | 11:45 | Daily |
| 2106 | 12:30 | 12:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2107 | 13:30 | 13:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2108 | 14:30 | 14:45 | Daily |
| 2109 | 15:30 | 15:45 | Daily |
| 2110 | 16:30 | 16:45 | Daily |
| 2111 | 17:30 | 17:45 | Daily |
| 2112 | 18:30 | 18:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |

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## EDITORIAL

# After Buffalo, we all must resist the mainstreaming of hate

Ten people were murdered at a Buffalo supermarket on Saturday by an alleged white supremacist who believed in the "great replacement theory," an absurd racist ideology that claims there is a plot to replace white Americans with people of color.

It is yet another massacre fueled by a formerly fringe belief that has found a mainstream foothold thanks to irresponsible pundits and political opportunists on the right.

We must all do our part to fight back against these abhorrent views, in our communities and in our parties. Washington Republicans—of a moderate and independent bent—have an opportunity to lead the way against this vile ideology that has steadily creeped its way into their party.

Roughly 1 in 3 Americans believe there are efforts to replace native-born citizens with immigrants for electoral gains and that more immigration is leading to native-born Americans losing economic, political and cultural influence, according to polling from The Associated Press and the NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Fear of the stranger, of the unknown, of losing power are sadly human thoughts—ones that no political party has a lock on. But conservatives are being fed a steady diet of misinformation and hate by many who would exploit that fear for political gain.

Media figures such as Ann Coulter, and Fox News' Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham, have helped legitimize this paranoid delusion, while some GOP leaders have made the bet that stoking racial animosity will keep them in power.

Just last week, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott shamelessly tried to capitalize on the shortage of baby formula by pitting immigrant kids against "our children." Idaho Lt. Gov. Janice McGeachin has courted white nationalists in her bid for higher office. Former President Donald Trump callously said there were "good people" among a Charlottesville crowd who had earlier chanted "Jews will not replace us." He also falsely blamed immigrants voting illegally for his electoral loss.

Theirs is a cynical ploy with a rising body count.

Replacement theory has been cited by several mass U.S. shooters, including killings at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, in 2018 and at a Poway, California, synagogue in 2019. Racial fears led to the Atlanta spa shootings last year that claimed eight lives, six of them people of Asian descent.

Washington Republicans are no strangers to taking a principled stance. U.S. Reps. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, and Dan Newhouse, R-Sunnyside, bravely stood up against Trump, voting for his impeachment after the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. State GOP leaders, such as J.T. Wilcox and former Secretary of State Kim Wyman, have

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# Comrades in death

**By TONY NORMAN**
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

There's a temptation to think the details no longer matter when it comes to mass shootings. The faces of the victims blur into one another in an endless carousel of pain.

There are so many of them. They are Black parishioners praying with a stranger after a Bible study. They are Jews gathering for shabbat services in a quiet neighborhood. They are Hispanic shoppers at a Walmart in El Paso. They are people of all types shot by the dozens at a music festival on the Las Vegas strip. They are Asian women in Atlanta singled out for offenses the killer can't articulate.

Journalistic practice of late is to downplay the killer's name to deny him—and it is usually a male—the notoriety he desperately craves. But whether the killer takes his own life, is killed in a shootout with police or surrenders to authorities after his blood lust is satiated, he knows his name will live on even if it is only in manifestos and chatrooms on the dark web. That's where the next mass killer is already lurking, drawing inspiration from what the latest killer has already done to translate their own antisocial theory into action.

There are no Lee Harvey Oswalds or James Earl Rays among today's killers. No one claims to be a patsy "framed" by unseen hands behind the scenes. In most cases, these men are proud of themselves. They buy their guns legally and in accordance with a law that sees nothing wrong with selling powerful weapons to individuals at whatever the market will bear. These men show off their arsenal on social media while threatening their enemies, whether real or imagined, with death.

As usual, there is handwringing over the devastation many of these social media-spawned killers bring. The rending of garments by clergy, community activists and commentators is an attempt, however feeble, to inject morality into a morally dysfunctional discourse.

Even in the early hours when the motives of the shooter are most obscure, there is grudging agreement on all sides that the rivers of blood created by a right enumerated three centuries ago in the Constitution has turned America into the world's most violent modern democracy.

But any talk of modifying that right is off the table. Changes to what has become an immutable law cannot be discussed or even hinted at in polite company. It is un-American to talk of limiting access to weapons used to kill swaths of citizens daily. It is un-American to make any citizen in good standing jump through hoops to buy an assault weapon or handguns when he or she feels threatened.

Law-abiding citizens, no matter their mental state, private prejudices or publicly stated bigotries, should have the option to buy as many guns as they consider necessary to secure their happiness at any given moment.

The pursuit of happiness is guaranteed in our most sacred founding documents, isn't it? And happiness, as one genius put it years before he was shot dead by a maniacal fan outside his New York apartment building, is a warm gun.

But we all know guns aren't the problem in America, right? It's the lack of guns that causes destabilization and chaos. Take the racist mass shooter in Buffalo who killed 10 people at a supermarket on Saturday. That coward didn't seek out a predominantly Black neighborhood where he would encounter armed resistance, most likely from people his own age. No, he sought out soft targets where people are less likely to be armed.

Imagine if all those Black folks had been armed in accordance with rights enumerated in the U.S. Constitution. They could've made short work of the racist maniac while he was still in the parking lot and gone about their business the rest of the day.

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# The inextricable link between abortion and religion

**By JOHN M. CRISP**
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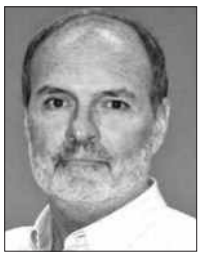

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There's something admirable in the consistency of abortion's most ardent opponents.

If a fertilized egg is a full-fledged human life, its destruction is indeed no different from the murder of a postnatal person. Thus, a proposed Louisiana law that classifies all abortions as homicide has a logical consistency difficult to gainsay.

If a fertilized egg is a person, then anti-abortion laws that make no exception for rape or incest make sense. If a teenage girl is raped and impregnated by her father, this cruel crime does not impinge on the right to life of the person in her womb.

In fact, it was refreshing to read Matthew Walther's strikingly honest assessment of a post-Roe America in last week's New York Times. His thesis is encapsulated in the headline: "Overturning Roe Will Disrupt a Lot More Than Abortion. I Can Live With That."

Walther admonishes his fellow opponents of all abortions to face up to the realities of a post-Roe world. He acknowledges research that suggests that America without abortion will mean more single teenage mothers, more pressure on welfare programs, higher crime rates, lower student test scores and, as Walther puts it, "goodness knows what else."

He encourages anti-abortionists to support more generous provisions for mothers and children, but in a candid admission he says, "No matter what we do, in a post-Roe world many children who would not otherwise have been born will live lives of utter misery, and many of our fellow Americans will be indifferent to their plight."

Is there any threshold at which the negative effects of reversing Roe v. Wade—diminished economic growth, lower test scores, children living in utter misery—would move Walther to reconsider his committed stand against abortion? He says, "For me, the answer is no."

Such self-assured, unquestioning commitment to the moment personhood begins can have only one source: religion. Atheists and secular humanists may struggle to identify the moment "life" begins but many religious people are able to rely on the doctrine of their faith. Walther's faith is Catholicism, and he's the editor of The Lamp, a literary journal devoted to "consistent, undiluted Catholic orthodoxy."

Of the five Supreme Court justices most likely to vote to overturn Roe, four (Barrett, Kavanaugh, Alito, Thomas) are Catholics. The fifth (Gorsuch) is an Episcopalian who was raised and educated as a Catholic.

These justices' legal perspectives happen to reflect their faith, which holds that all abortion is a sin. Consistency between their religious positions and their legal positions is not surprising, but it's also not inevitable: Justice Sotomayor, also a Catholic, will likely vote to uphold Roe, and the jury is still out on Chief Justice Roberts, a Catholic, as well.

We often talk about abortion in terms of the viability of the fetus, but the real issue is when the fetus—or embryo—becomes a soul. This is a religious question, not a medical question. And other deeply religious people, including members of mainstream Protestant denominations, do not share these justices' faith that personhood begins at conception.

Jews, for example, believe that for the first 40 days of pregnancy, the embryo is "mere fluid." Then the fetus is a part of the woman's body until birth. Not until the head emerges into the world is the baby considered a "nefesh," a soul or spirit.

Both views—a soul at conception or a soul at birth—are extremes, but the Jewish view is just as logical and scripturally respectable as the conventional Catholic view.

It also has the practical advantage of solving the problem of fetuses conceived as the result of rape or incest. It simplifies the complex choice between the life of the fetus and the health of the mother. And the Jewish view helps make sense of the million spontaneous miscarriages that occur in the U.S. every year. Jews don't have to worry about what happens to all those souls.

Unfortunately our notional wall between church and state is about as porous as the wall on our southern border. But we can't escape this question: Why one religion and not another?

# Scalia was right—again

**By RICH LOWRY**
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Justice Antonin Scalia was among the most prescient Supreme Court justices in American history, and the firestorm over the leak of Justice Samuel Alito's draft opinion overturning Roe is a reminder of it.

In Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey, the 1992 Supreme Court decision upholding (and amending) Roe v. Wade, the justices in the majority believed that they could settle once and for all the dispute over abortion.

Scalia thought this was outlandishly wrongheaded and said so in a dissent that looks farsighted 30 years later. Not only did the Court fail to calm the political waters on abortion, it made itself central to the political and moral argument over the issue.

If there's any doubt about that, consider the security fencing reminiscent of the days after January 6 that is now going up around the Supreme Court building. Consider the left-wing group planning protests at the homes of conservative justices. Consider the proposal from Sen. John Cornyn of Texas that justices get 24/7 security details.

It's extraordinary that now, at the very least, the whiff of physical intimidation is part of the Court's deliberations on Roe.

Scalia might be surprised by that, but not that abortion has remained a point of contention over the decades, despite the Court's preposterous belief that it could make itself the final arbiter.

In his dissent in Casey, Scalia analogized the Court's jurisprudence on abortion to its decision in Dred Scott v. Sandford, the notorious 1857 case in which the Court denied the petition of a slave named Dred Scott for freedom.

The Court issued a sweeping decision, declaring unconstitutional the Missouri Compromise of 1820 that had banned slavery north of latitude 36 degrees 30' in the Louisiana Purchase. It did this, in part, because it thought it could forge a settlement on slavery that had eluded the political branches.

Instead, the Chief Justice Roger Taney made himself infamous for a decision that, like Roe and Casey, was wrongly decided, that entrenched and extended a profound social wrong, that short-circuited democratic decision-making, and that utterly failed to create political and social peace.

The decision was immediately excoriated by opponents of slavery in the harshest possible terms. They called into question its legitimacy and indeed the legitimacy of the Court itself. Serious and sober-minded men like Abraham Lincoln and William Seward advanced conspiracy theories for how the Court could have arrived at such an atrocious place. (There were indeed improprieties around the Court's deliberations.)

Scalia invoked a portrait of Roger Taney at Harvard Law School by the great painter Emanuel Leutze in 1859. "He sits," Scalia wrote, "facing the viewer and staring straight out. There seems to be on his face, and in his deep-set eyes, an expression of profound sadness and disillusionment." Scalia imagined him despairing at what his ambitious ruling in Dred Scott had wrought and warned the Court against making the same mistake again.

"It is no more realistic for us in this litigation than it was for him in that," Scalia noted, "to think that an issue of the sort they both involved—an issue involving life and death, freedom and subjugation—can be 'speedily and finally settled' by the Supreme Court ..."

Rather, Scalia argued, "By foreclosing all democratic outlet for the deep passions this issue arouses, by banishing the issue from the political forum that gives all participants, even the losers, the satisfaction of a fair hearing and an honest fight, by continuing the imposition of a rigid national rule instead of allowing for regional differences, the court merely prolongs and intensifies the anguish.

"We should get out of this area," he urged, "where we have no right to be, and where we do neither ourselves nor the country any good by remaining."

The Court should have listened to Scalia the first time. Now, Alito's opinion opens the way for it, after one of the most catastrophic misadventures in its history, to finally heed his wisdom.

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That's what daily life should be in America—a nation of straight shooters taking care of business. It would be a utopia of the permanently strapped.

It's the lack of guns that make these massacres possible. In America, even maniacs have a God-given right to happiness and security that comes with owning a gun. There is no higher right—not even another person's right to life.

Sure, America might be better off if white supremacists and gangbangers faced-off regularly in a world walled off from everyone else, but that's never going to happen. These gun-toting "warriors" are too afraid to risk facing anyone similarly armed who sees them coming, so any Hunger Games of Hate would consist of running and hiding until an opportunity presented itself to shoot someone in the back. Pursuing happiness has nothing to do with actual bravery.

America's mania for guns is also fed by an unacknowledged racist past and continuing subculture of violence that permeates everything.

If we exempt school massacres from the list, most of the mass killings of recent years have been done by self-described believers in the "Great Replacement Theory" (GRT) Fox News' Tucker Carlson babbles on about regularly.

In short, Carlson and his ilk encourage millions of alienated whites to see themselves as under permanent siege by immigrants and "dirty, obedient foreigners" brought to this country by Democrats to "replace" whites and dilute their power and influence.

While immigration, Critical Race Theory and Black Lives Matter live in the imagination of racists as the source of all that is evil in America, you'd be hard pressed to find even one negative story about GRT in conservative media, despite the fact that GRT-inspired manifestos and their authors have killed more people than CRT on its worse day.

But in the end, assault weapons aren't loyal to any particular ideology except weakness. These guns are wielded by cowards of all persuasions. The shooters in the 'hood aren't morally superior to the shooters in the synagogues, the churches and the supermarkets. When the police tape is unfurled, they all turn out to be equally contemptible comrades in death.

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spoken out against election fraud conspiracies.

Herrera Beutler and Newhouse are under enormous pressure, fighting for their political futures from Trump-endorsed challengers to their right, but they have a responsibility to speak up.

Republicans of conscience can either take their inspiration from people such as Mark Esper, William Barr and John Bolton—all Trump aides who stood quietly by his side only to rebuke him later—or someone like John McCain. The late U.S. senator from Arizona famously pulled the microphone away from a woman to defend his opponent, Barack Obama, from racist claims during the 2008 presidential race.

McCain, of course, lost. But he stood up when it mattered, regardless of the consequences. Republicans cannot wait for the next Pittsburgh, the next El Paso or the next Buffalo.

They need to stand up now.

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# Round 2 of fisheries relief applications available now

The CNMI CARES-Act Fisheries Working Group, composed of members from the Division of Fish & Wildlife, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, and the Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse under the Office of the Governor, has announced that a second round of relief assistance is now available to the general fishing communities of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

A total of $411,002 was awarded to the CNMI from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. The funding will support activities previously authorized under Sec. 12005 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. This funding was allocated to states and territories with coastal and marine fishery participants who have been negatively affected by COVID-19.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres expressed his appreciation to the DFW, DLNR, and OGM-SC staff for putting together the Fisheries Relief Spend Plan Round 2. OGM-SC will implement the administrative handling, compilation, and review of the documents that will be sent to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission in Portland, Oregon.

"I understand that OGM-SC is extremely busy, especially with the handling of rental assistance and numerous federal projects, but they are very familiar with the fisheries process, and this is why I asked them to come on board again. I do not envision returning federal funds, especially when our fishing community needs this money," said Torres.

Epiphanio E. Cabrera Jr., who is the administrator of the Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse, said he received notice from PSMFC a few days ago approving the CNMI's Fisheries Relief Spend Plan-Round 2. "As a result, we had our staff work on the revisions of the applications and needed forms to comply with the approved dates," he said.

OGM-SC began making copies of the application last Friday, which are individually serialized and not intended for reduplication, and were ready for disbursement starting yesterday, May 18, 2022, at 9am at the Chalan Kanoa office.

"OGM-SC has taken the necessary steps to reduce errors confronted with Round 1 applications so that the process in Round 2 will become more seamless and smoother for the commission to process payment," said Cabrera.

DLNR Secretary Anthony T. Benavente is pleased that there is a second round of relief assistance, especially as businesses involved in the fishing industry have been impacted with COVID-19 in the past years.

"Last October 2021, about 1150 individuals and businesses collectively received financial assistance from the CARES Act Fisheries Round 1 funding. This time around, although the funding available is significantly lower, it is still notable assistance to those fishermen or business entities impacted by COVID-19," Benavente added.

Applications were made available beginning yesterday, May 18, 2022, at the Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse (Commonwealth COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance) office in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan and at the Tinian and Rota mayor's offices. The deadline for application submission is on June 16, 2022 at 4:30pm. Saipan applications will only be accepted at the Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse (Commonwealth COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance) located at the former PENA House Boutique or Bank of Saipan building in Chalan Kanoa. OGM-SC's phone number is (670) 235-4211. The Tinian Mayor's Office will accept completed applications on Tinian, while DLNR-Rota will receive completed applications on Rota.

According to Cabrera, "the Spend Plan for Round 2 proposes checks to be issued from the commission in Oregon 90 days after the submission of CNMI participant documents. So please be patient and submit your applications completely and legibly." ***(PR)***

## DOI provides $26.6M to American Samoa for fiscal year 2022 government operations

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs has provided $26.67 million in fiscal year 2022 funding to the American Samoa government to support the operations of public schools, the Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital, the community college, and the judicial system in the territory.

"We are pleased to provide this support for critical public services for the people of American Samoa," said deputy assistant secretary for Insular and International Affairs Keone Nakoa. "Every year Congress provides this funding support for the territory, and we thank them for the much-needed boost for the Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital."

Made available through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-103), the funds will be utilized as follows:

- American Samoa Government – DoE $13,090,000
- Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Ctr. $11,564,400
- American Samoa Community College $ 1,558,400
- High Court of American Samoa $ 457,200

For a history of the American Samoa Operations program, read the OIA Budget Justification, also known as the OIA Greenbook. ***(PR)***

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Approved by:

/s/ Anita Camacho
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# NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

**for**

**Zhang Fei**

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board Public Hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Zhang Fei is proposing to construct a single-story structure measuring 80' (L) x 93.'.7" (W) x 14' (H) for its Warehousing and General Wholesaling Use. This use is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 398-1-New-1 in the village of As Lito. This are area is zoned as Village Commercial.

A public hearing will be held on:

**Date: May 25, 2022**
**Time: 5:00 pm**
**Place: Commonwealth Zoning Office, 2nd Fl., Joeten Dandan Bldg.**

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**COMMONWEALTH ZONING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**

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**AGENDA**

**A. Preliminary Matters**
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of 05/25/2022 Meeting Agenda
4. Adoption of 04/06/2022 Meeting Minutes
5. Public Comments (not for items to be discussed in item B. Public Hearings)

**B. Public Hearings:**
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**2. Conditional Use Application #2020-11783** – SP Corporation is proposing to occupy the second floor of an existing two-story building measuring **80' (L) x 30' (W)** for its Hotel/Motel/Guest House Use. This use is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 015 D 07 in the village of Garapan. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

**C. Miscellaneous**
1. Administrator's Updates
2. Permit & Enforcement Report
3. Next Meeting Date: July 6, 2022

**D. Adjournment**

In an effort to provide public access to this meeting during this pandemic, the Commonwealth Zoning Board will host this meeting via:

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For the second quarter of fiscal year 2022, four law enforcement agencies exceeded their total combined budget of $6.71 million by incurring total of actual expenditures of $8.45 million, with the excess attributed to the CNMI's efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In his financial report for the second quarter of fiscal year 2022 submitted to the Legislature Monday, Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig said this trend was again seen with the Department of Public Safety, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Department of Corrections, and the Department of Finance-Division of Customs and Biosecurity.

**» Overall revenue collection is 5.9% higher than forecasted**

Atalig also disclosed that revenue collection for the second quarter, amounting to $38,597,806, is 5.9% greater than the forecasted amount of $36,443,584.

With respect to the CNMI's economic outlook, he reiterated his statement in his report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2022 that, while federal assistance in the form of the American Rescue Plan Act has supported expenditures despite the widespread impact of COVID-19 on the CNMI labor market, the data from the second quarter showcases continual impacts on the wider economy outside of domestic consumption.

Atalig said that DPS was appropriated $2,469,438 for the second quarter of fiscal year 2022, but its actual expenditure exceeded that, at $3,333,723.

Atalig

For DOC, the actual appropriation of $1,396,724 was insufficient to cover the actual expenditure amount of $1,719,104.

For DFEMS, the actual appropriation of $1,888,129 was surpassed by its actual expenditure amount of $2,241,817.

Atalig said the Custom Division was appropriated $964,872, but the actual expenditures reached $1,159,033.

Atalig said the second quarter appropriation is about 9.6% less than actual expenditures.

In sum, he said, unanticipated expenses and underbudgeted accounts resulted in a significant deficiency, when comparing expenditures and appropriations for the second quarter.

On revenues, Atalig said that Wage and Salary Tax collections stood at $6,171,656 or approximately 0.7% lesser than the forecasted budget collection.

He said the second quarter Northern Marianas Territorial Income Tax collections of personal income amounted to $3,937,041.

Atalig said corporate income tax collection was valued at $534,097, or approximately 3.7% lesser than the forecasted amount of $554,433.

He said Business Gross Revenue Tax collection for the period is $17,012,465, which is approximately 21.8% more than the forecasted amount.

In addition, he said, Excise Tax collections yielded $6,471,684, or 28.1% less than the forecasted budget.

Last February, Atalig reported in his first quarter of fiscal year 2022 that the same four law enforcement agencies exceeded their total combined budget of $3.35 million by incurring total of actual expenditures of $4.98 million, with most of the excess going to the CNMI's COVID-19 response.

He also disclosed that in the first quarter, the revenue collection in the amount of $35.34 million was 4.5% greater than the forecasted amount of $33.83 million for that period.

# PSS marks 10th year of Edtech training program

The Public School System's Office of Instructional Technology and Distance Education hosted its 10th commencement ceremony for the Educational Technology Training Program, which graduated a total of 106 participants last Thursday, May 12, at the Kensington Hotel Saipan.

The Ed Tech Program is a yearlong training program consisting of five 45-hour certification courses that involve using and integrating technology to improve the quality of instruction and learning.

Upon completion of the course, the amount of time put into professional development equates to 225 hours.

In his congratulatory remarks, Dr. Bobby Cruz, director of Instructional Technology and Distance Education, said that technology alone is just a tool. "When technology is paired with amazing educators, that is when the magic happens," he said.

Cruz challenged the newly graduated EdTech participants to continue pursuing their professional growth as educators and to continue advocating for effective technology integration in the 21st-century classroom.

PSS and the Board of Education leadership—represented at the ceremony Education by Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada and BOE chair Gregory Borja—shared a joint message of pride for the hard work and commitment of all Ed Tech participants from both the private and public schools to grow as professionals and embrace the role that technology plays in supporting learning.

"We continue to refine the program with our amazing Ed Tech Instructors to improve the quality of learning for the professionals we serve," said Lorraine Catienza, distance education program manager. "Our goal is to continue to employ the transformative use of technology to support teaching and learning and prepare our educators to participate and succeed in an increasingly tech-driven world. Our educators are the key to making this goal a reality, so we continue to invest in them."

The commencement was attended by 200 people, including the Ed Tech graduates, instructors, PSS management, BOE members, and school administrators from both public and private schools. ***(Leigh Gases)***

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| RODRIGO R. GATELA Petitioner | : | FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-0314-FCD |
| -vs- PETRONILA R. GATELA Respondent | : | SUMMONS TO ANSWER COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE |

**TO: PETRONILA R. GATELA**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to RODRIGO R. GATELA whose address is P.O. Box 505072 Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

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/s/_____
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## NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on ***Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 10:30AM*** at the DCRM Learning Center, Suite 301, Gualo Rai Center II, on Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

To minimize the threat of COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of all, virtual public participation will continue and encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom link: hhtps://zoom.us/j (Meeting ID: 6706648315) or join via telephone by calling the DCRM office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance and most updated information as Zoom meeting access code may change.

**AGENDA**

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of April 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes

II. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW
1) CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2022-029
Project: GARAPAN FISHING BASE REVETMENT & SHORELINE STABILIZATION PROJECT
Applicant: DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DLNR) *DLNR is proposing to construct the revetment along the land-lagoon interface by stabilizing 380 feet of shoreline along the Garapan Fishing Base. The project will be completed in two phases – Phase I begins south of the storm drain which is adjacent to the boat ramp and would extend south at approximately 100 feet. Phase II is the next 100 feet consisting of flanking rocks.*
   a. Agencies' Discussion
   b. Agencies' Final Determination

III. OTHER MATTERS
1) Final adoption of proposed revisions to NMIAC Chapter 15-10 affecting permit application and amendment procedures
2) Authorization for DCRM Director to promulgate final regulation
3) Proposed revisions to NMIAC Chapter 15-20 regarding coordinates for towed floatation corridor
4) Authorization for DCRM Director to promulgate proposed regulation

IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ RICHARD V. SALAS
Director, DCRM

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**ITB22-CHCC-015**

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CHC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ CORA P. ADA
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

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## Marianas Health Services, Inc.

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# CHCC works to ensure access to infant formula for all CNMI families

The impacts of the ongoing pandemic and the recent 2022 Abbott recall of certain powdered formulas has led to shortages of infant formula across the nation. The infant formula supply chain problems have affected all consumers, including CNMI families.

On May 13, 2022, the U.S. Department of Agriculture released a press release urging state agencies to adopt flexibilities to support families amid the recall.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Women, Infant, and Children, or WIC, and Maternal, Infant, Child, and Adolescent Health, or MICAH, programs closely monitored reports of the recall of infant formula and expediently secured supply to ensure equitable access for all CNMI families.

The CHCC has taken the following actions to meet the needs of CNMI families:

1. Facilitated supply coordination efforts with infant formula manufacturers/distributors to increase formula distribution and help stabilize shelf supplies in the CNMI. Collaborative efforts with CNMI formula distributors have allowed for more access and increased importation of non-recalled infant formula, specialty formula, and a variety of infant formula brands approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Additionally, partnership with Abbott Nutrition has afforded the CNMI WIC program to avail multiple relief shipments that help increase WIC vendor shelf stock and meet the needs of both WIC and non-WIC participants.

Infant formula can be found at any WIC-vendor location and other markets:

| Saipan | | Tinian | Rota |
|---|---|---|---|
| San Roque Market | Joeten Dandan | J & J Market | Sinapalo Safeway |
| Capitol Hill Market | Joeten Susupe | Lucky Qiang | Anne's Convenient Mart |
| XO Market | New Downtown Market | | |
| Joeten Hafa Adai | Blue Sky Market | | |
| Joeten Kagman | Hannam Market | | |

2. For WIC families, CHCC maximized approved USDA waivers for regulatory flexibilities including:

**Maximum monthly allowance:** A waiver to provide administrative flexibility to exceed the maximum monthly allowance (and to issue multiple container sizes and physical forms) for infants in specific food packages.

**Medical documentation:** A waiver to provide administrative flexibility to allow for the issuance of non-contract brand infant formula without medical documentation for infants in specific food packages.

**Vendor exchanges:** A waiver to allow WIC-authorized vendors to treat WIC participants like all other customers when they exchange recalled products at the store.

3. Provided continued support and resources

**Awareness and communication:** The CHCC continues to provide transparent information and relevant updates to families, vendors, and stakeholders via public information releases, tele-messaging, social media, and/or phone calls.

**Nutrition education and breastfeeding services:** The CHCC WIC clinic staff continue to encourage and educate participants to practice safe feeding options following guided resource materials, provide breastfeeding and lactation support, accommodate questions, and make appropriate referrals. Those enrolled in the CHCC Home Visiting Program are also provided with information and support for accessing safe feeding options among households that may potentially be impacted.

**Resources:** CHCC continues to share resources and reference materials/sites on infant formula safety, guidance for families and caregivers, and to consult pediatrician and/or family doctors for alternatives.

As the nation faces infant formula shortages, CHCC will continue to prioritize and expand efforts to secure infant formula for the CNMI community. CHCC will also continue to monitor infant formula redemptions, track shipment of supplies, request emergency relief, maximize waivers, and provide consistent and transparent information.

## Helpful information

Never dilute formula. Diluting infant formula with water or other liquids can be dangerous and even life-threatening for babies, leading to a serious nutritional deficit and health issues.

Avoid homemade formula like coconut water or rice water. These are not safe substitutes. Homemade formulas often lack or have inadequate amounts of critical nutrients. For example, babies fed homemade infant formula have been hospitalized due to hypocalcemia (low calcium).

Other store-bought substitute formulas are OK. For most babies, if their regular brand of formula is not currently available, it is OK to substitute it with a similar version. If families have questions about which formula is acceptable, or if they are still having difficulty finding formula, they should contact their child's pediatric provider or WIC.

Talk to your doctor. Families should consult their pediatrician if their babies or children require a specialized formula and need a recommendation for a comparable formula to use.

The CHCC Population Health Programs encourages the CNMI community to stay informed and seek assistance from their primary care provider for any immediate concerns.

For questions or if you are having trouble finding infant formulas, WIC participants can call (670) 664-4084, H.O.M.E. participants can call (670) 664-8702, and other community members can call MICAH at (670) 287-7718. ***(CHCC)***

# Rep. Sheila Babauta chosen as NMC commencement's keynote speaker

Rep. Sheila Jack Babauta (D-Saipan) will serve as the keynote speaker for Northern Marianas College's 41st Commencement Exercises on May 20, 2022. Babauta has been serving as one of the representatives for Precinct Four since 2019.

The decision to have Babauta as the keynote speaker was made by the graduating class of 2022.

"The class of 2022 nominated Rep. Sheila Babauta as so many of us have been inspired by her work within our community," Class of 2022 representative Alyssa Attao said. "She has done amazing things to represent the CNMI both locally and nationally, which has instilled a sense of pride and belonging for many of us."

Babauta

Babauta was part of the Obama Foundation's leadership program in the Asia-Pacific region in 2020, and is currently an Environmental Justice Movement fellow at the Tishman Environment and Design Center at The New School in New York.

As a representative in the 22nd CNMI Legislature, Babauta chairs the Natural Resources Committee, and is a member of the Health and Welfare, Education and Workforce, and Ways and Means committees. She also serves as the floor leader for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

She is the chairwoman of the Friends of the Mariana Trench, the secretary of Our Commonwealth 670, and was a delegate at the "It Takes Roots" delegation in Glasgow, Scotland.

Babauta is also a community college alumni, as she graduated from Kapi'olani Community College in Hawaii with her Associates of Arts in Liberal Arts before transferring to the University of Hawaii at Manoa to obtain a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and a BBA in International Business.

NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D. said the class made an outstanding choice for their keynote speaker.

"Rep. Sheila Babauta is an inspiring voice for a new generation of leaders focused on sustainability and stewardship," Deleon Guerrero said. "We look forward to amplifying her voice at this year's graduation."

She will speak to one of the college's largest graduating classes, where more than 300 students will get their college degrees this Friday. This year's ceremony will take place at the Koblerville Gymnasium at 4pm.

The commencement ceremony will be broadcasted live on the college's Facebook page at facebook.com/NMC.Proa. For more information, visit www.marianas.edu. ***(PR)***

# 1 of 3 accused of meth trafficking remains detained pending trial

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One of three accused of trafficking methamphetamine was not granted early release to a third-party custodian and instead remains detained pending trial.

Last Friday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather Kennedy granted assistant U.S. Attorney Garth Backe's motion for an order of detention pending trial for Li Hongjie, one of three allegedly involved in trafficking meth through the U.S. Postal Service.

Following the detention hearing Friday, Li was immediately remanded back to Department of Corrections custody.

According to Kennedy, after considering the factors presented at the detention hearing, the court is convinced that Li must be detained pending trial because no condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assure the safety of the community, and no condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assure her appearance as required.

In addition, the weight of evidence against Li, lack of employment, lack of stable residence, lack of family and close connections to the CNMI, and lack of legal status in the United States played a factor in the court's decision to keep Li detained pending trial.

According to court documents, Li and her co-defendants, Wang Huaishu and Ni Yongbing, were each charged with one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a federally controlled substance, and conspiracy to maintain drug-involved premises.

As for Wang and Ni, the court previously granted the government's request for the two to remain detained pending trial.

The three defendants were arrested following an investigation led by the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force. The investigation was launched after the CNMI Customs and Biosecurity Division discovered over two pounds of methamphetamine in a USPS parcel addressed to Li's post office box in Chalan Kanoa.

In a previous article on the *Saipan Tribune*, John Henry Sablan, Customs Bureau of Contraband Enforcement captain, said the Customs officers found the two pounds of methamphetamine packed inside a shipment of glass vases.

"The package was in what looked like some temporary cardboard boxes, like our last seizure. The substance was found during a Customs routine inspection at the U.S. Post Office. It was packaged in some chinaware, specifically glass vases," he said.

After the interception, an investigation into the receiver of the package was launched, which ultimately uncovered a meth den in Papago where another 100 grams of meth were seized. Aside from the drugs, a large sum of cash was also found at the residence.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### 5.0-magnitude quake southwest of Merizo

At 2:49pm on May 18, 2022, a report of a 5.0-magnitude earthquake occurred 209 kilometers southwest of Merizo village, Guam. Currently, no tsunami warnings or advisories were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. For more information, contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at 237-8000. ***(PR)***

### 5.4-magnitude quake southwest of Guam

An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.4 occurred about 125 miles southwest of Guam at 1:26pm on Wednesday, May 18 2022. Based on all available data, there is no tsunami threat to Guam, Rota, Tinian, or Saipan from this earthquake. Some areas may have experienced shaking. No action is required. ***(PR)***

### 3 from CNMI land on SNHU's winter President's List

Three students from the CNMI were recently named to the Winter 2022 President's List of the Southern New Hampshire University.

The three are Kina Sablan of Saipan, Raybrent Iglecias of Tinian, and Christine Bleslie Tadeo of Saipan.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits over two consecutive terms.

SNHU is a private, nonprofit institution serving more than 165,000 learners worldwide and offering approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs. Learn more at www.snhu.edu. ***(Saipan Tribune/PR)***

# Life & Style

## Amber Heard cross-examined about fights with Johnny Depp

**FALLS CHURCH, Va.** (AP)—Lawyers for Johnny Depp on Tuesday questioned the truthfulness of Amber Heard's accusation that Depp sexually assaulted her with a liquor bottle.

Heard was cross-examined for most of the day after her testimony in Depp's libel suit against her.

Depp is suing Heard in Virginia's Fairfax County Circuit Court over a December 2018 op-ed she wrote in The Washington Post describing herself as "a public figure representing domestic abuse." His lawyers say he was defamed by the article even though it never mentioned his name. The trial is now in its fifth week.

Heard

Depp's lawyer, Camille Vasquez, questioned Heard about a variety of incidents in which she says she was assaulted by Depp.

Questioning was particularly intense over a March 2015 fight the couple had in Australia, shortly after they were married, while Depp was shooting a fifth film in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise.

It was during that fight that Heard says she was sexually assaulted. Depp, on the other hand, says he was the victim, and that he lost the tip of his middle finger when Heard threw a vodka bottle at him.

Vasquez questioned why Heard never sought medical attention, even though she said her feet were cut by broken glass and she was bleeding after the attack.

"You're the one who assaulted someone with a bottle in Australia, isn't that right, Ms. Heard?" Vasquez asked.

"I didn't assault Johnny in Australia. I didn't assault Johnny ever," Heard responded.

Vasquez then questioned why Heard wrote a series of love notes to Depp in the months after she said she was assaulted.

Heard has said she believed Depp had hit rock bottom after the Australia fight and was committed to sobriety. She has said most of the assaults occurred while Depp was under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

"When things were good, they were really good," she said.

The jury also saw a recording of a deposition Heard gave in 2016 in connection with her divorce in which she appeared to inadvertently admit that she had tipped off the celebrity news outlet TMZ to aspects of her initial divorce proceedings.

Heard testified to the jury that she was taken aback when paparazzi swarmed her courthouse appearance seeking a temporary restraining order and that she tried to avoid publicity as much as possible.

During the 2016 deposition, though, Heard puts hands to her lips as though she mistakenly blurted something out after she said she wanted Depp to learn of the divorce filing "from some other source other than TMZ, which was alerted ..."

## Zelenskyy opens Cannes Film Festival, links war and cinema

**CANNES, France** (AP)—The 75th Cannes Film Festival kicked off Tuesday with an eye turned to Russia's war in Ukraine and a live satellite video address from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who called on a new generation of filmmakers to confront dictators as Charlie Chaplin satirized Adolf Hitler.

After tributes and musical numbers, Zelenskyy was streamed live for the formally attired audience who had gathered for the premiere of Michel Hazanavicius' zombie comedy "Final Cut."

Zelenskyy, dressed in his signature olive green shirt, drew a thunderous standing ovation and and spoke at length about the connection between cinema and reality. He referenced films like Francis Ford Coppola's "Apocalypse Now" and Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" as not unlike Ukraine's present circumstances.

Zelenskyy quoted Chaplin's final speech in "The Great Dictator," which was released in 1940, in the early days of World War II: "The hate of men will pass, and dictators die, and the power they took from the people will return to the people."

"We need a new Chaplin who will demonstrate that the cinema of our time is not silent," implored Zelenskyy.

The Ukrainian president pushed filmmakers not to "stay silent" while hundreds continue to die in Ukraine, the largest war in Europe since WWII, and show that cinema "is always on the side of freedom."

The war is to be a regular presence in Cannes, where the festival has barred Russians with ties to the government from attending this year. Set to screen are several films from prominent Ukrainian filmmakers, including Sergei Loznitsa's documentary "The Natural History of Destruction." Footage shot by Lithuanian filmmaker Mantas Kvedaravičius before he was killed in Mariupol in April will also be shown by his fiancée, Hanna Bilobrova.

## Tom Brady featured in upcoming Netflix 'Greatest' roast series

**HOLLYWOOD, Calif.** (AP)—Tom Brady will be on the hot seat—this time during a Netflix roast.

Brady

Netflix announced Tuesday the seven-time Super Bowl champion will be featured first in a series of upcoming specials called "Greatest Roasts of All Time: GROAT." Brady is the executive producer of the series, with his roast set to tape in 2023.

"To quote my good friend, Marshawn Lynch … 'I'm just here so I won't get fined,'" Brady said in a press release, which refers to him as "Gisele Bündchen's husband" and a "sixth-round NFL draft pick."

"We can't wait to burn three-time Super Bowl-losing quarterback Tom Brady, who only went back to the NFL in order to delay this roast," said Robbie Praw, Netflix vice president of stand-up and comedy formats. "In all seriousness, it's a huge thrill to work with the greatest football player of all time on this project. No one's better at taking hits and still coming out on top, so we know the roast will be a breeze for Brady."

After 20 seasons with the New England Patriots, Brady led the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a Super Bowl win after the 2020 season. The 44-year-old Brady announced his retirement in January, b ut in March reversed course, saying he'll return as Tampa Bay's quarterback for another season.

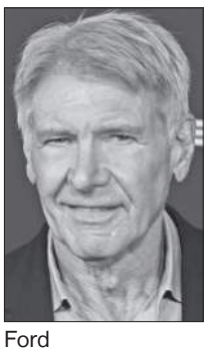
Brady, the NFL leader in career passing yards and touchdown passes, recently announced he'll become a Fox Sports analyst when his NFL career is done.

## Helen Mirren, Harrison Ford to star in 'Yellowstone' prequel

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Helen Mirren and Harrison Ford will bring their combined star power to the newest addition to the "Yellowstone" TV franchise.

The pair will headline a Paramount+ series with the working title "1932," which joins "1883" as part of what the streaming service called the "origin story" of its "Yellowstone" drama series.

Mirren


Ford

Mirren and Ford are among the growing ranks of film actors who have added small-screen projects to their resume as streaming services vie for subscribers with prestige projects and big names.

The latest chapter in the Dutton family saga will be set in an early 20th century and a Mountain West beset by drought and the Great Depression, among other ills, Paramount+ said. It will debut in December.

Writer-producer Sheridan Taylor is the creative force behind the hit franchise, which began with the contemporary drama "Yellowstone," led by Kevin Costner. The "1883" prequel stars Faith Hill and Tim McGraw.

Mirren is among today's most highly regarded actors, a four-time Oscar nominee who won for her portrayal of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in 2006's "The Queen."

Ford's extensive blockbuster movie credits include the "Star Wars" and "Raiders of the Lost Ark" franchises. He was an Oscar nominee for the 1985 film "Witness."

## Wife of a disabled veteran fights a battle of her own

**DEAR ABBY**
**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
*UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE*

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DEAR ABBY: My husband is retired from the military and living with a mental illness caused by a traumatic brain injury. As a result, he's disabled. We have four children. Over the years, he has developed an extreme sense of financial entitlement. Although I'm responsible for our finances, I cannot control his spending.

His compulsions include luxury coffee, fast food and "medical" marijuana, which cost hundreds every month, yet he complains when money is tight. Last week he lashed out, saying, "I hate that everything has to go through you," as if I am the reason we don't have more spending money.

Money is scarce and our children are going without things they need. I'm always fighting for his respect, decency and self-control. I feel frustrated, exhausted and lost. Advice, please?

**ANGERED IN ARKANSAS**

**DEAR ANGERED: I wish I could wave a magic wand and make your very real problem disappear. Because I can't, you are going to have to step up yet again and impress upon your husband that while you are sad that he regards what you are doing for your family as "controlling," your children's needs MUST come before his own. By that I mean, he should treat "luxury coffee" as a luxury and buy it no more than X times a week, ditto for fast food and his "medical" marijuana.**

**If he needs more pharmaceutical support for his stress, he should address it to his doctor (at the VA, I assume). Make clear that you cannot carry more of the load, and that you are not the cause of the financial stress. Circumstances are to blame for that, and he cannot continue to kick his golden goose or he will kill it.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** My mother, who lives with me, insists on keeping her window open several inches year-round. While I don't mind so much in the winter because I know she tends to run hot, we clash in the summer because I need the windows and doors closed so I can run the air conditioning to optimal efficiency. She thinks keeping her window open is cooling her bedroom off and doesn't understand what the problem is if she keeps her door to the rest of the house shut.

This issue has caused major arguments because it's making my AC unit work harder than it needs to, not to mention I have allergies and my doctor has told me to keep the air on all summer long. This is a ranch-style home, and the temperature is kept at 70 degrees.

I don't want to fight with her, but I feel disrespected since this is my house and she blatantly disregards my requests. Am I overreacting? Or does she need to be respectful of my home?

**TEMPERATURE RISING IN OHIO**

**DEAR T.R.I.O.: You aren't overreacting. Let's get down to basics. Whose house is it? It is yours. When you lived in your mother's home, she made the rules and you had to abide by them. If keeping her bedroom windows ajar is "making your air conditioner work harder," then it's likely adding to your electric bill, which is disrespectful, inconsiderate and bad manners. If she can't adjust, she should contribute toward the extra cost of air conditioning.**

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# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR YOUR STORY YET?
NO, I'M WAITING FOR INSPIRATION.
YOU CAN'T JUST TURN ON CREATIVITY LIKE A FAUCET. YOU HAVE TO BE IN THE RIGHT MOOD.
WHAT MOOD IS THAT?
LAST-MINUTE PANIC.

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

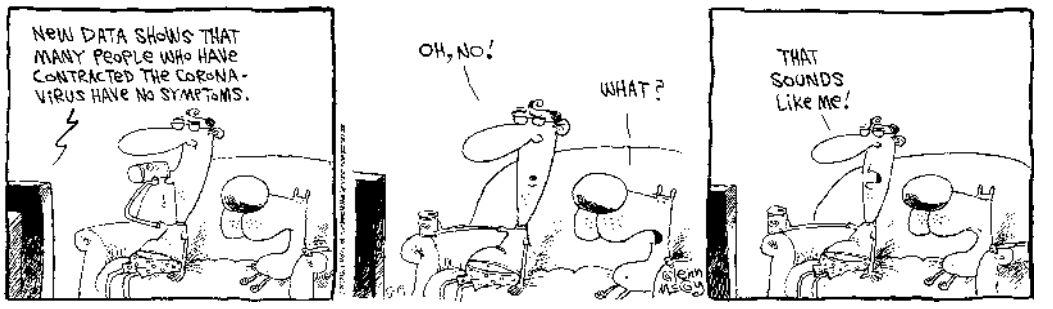
## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

CLAYTON WANTS TO BE A PICKPOCKET NOW.
OH, I KNOW.
HE'S KIND OF A NATURAL.
YEAH, HE GOT MY WATCH EARLIER.
HE GOT MY SOCKS. AND MY SHOES WERE STILL ON!
OKAY. THAT ONE MIGHT BE ON YOU.

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy




## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

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12 Cuban money
13 Mil. morale booster
14 Choir voices
15 War god
16 River blocker
17 Undressed
18 Tranquil
20 Comedian Sandler
22 "Remember ..."
26 Pasted together
29 — pickle
30 Scot's denial
31 Give temporarily
32 "Hail, Caesar!"
33 Melody
34 Chowed down
35 French article
36 Succotash beans
37 "Remember ..."
40 Entryway
41 Tennis great Andre
45 Skip
47 Bird (Pref.)
49 Entre —
50 Track assignment
51 Young fox
52 Dust jacket ID
53 Uses a trowel
54 Serena, to Venus
55 Price

**DOWN**

1 Relaxing resorts
2 Father (Fr.)
3 Addict
4 "Thorny" garden area
5 Herod's realm
6 Botanist Gray
7 Caesar salad lettuce
8 Yankee Clipper airline
9 Can material
10 British "Inc."
11 Fish story
19 Actor Beatty
21 "CSI" evidence
23 Amazon, for one
24 "Peter Pan" dog
25 Ruby and Sandra
26 Pleased
27 Jared of "Panic Room"
28 Continuous
32 Arctic jackets
33 Enormous
35 Martian mover
36 Pants part
38 Pledge drive gifts
39 Paces
42 Mediocre
43 Long lunches?
44 "Money — everything!"
45 Vintage
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**Solution time: 24 mins.**

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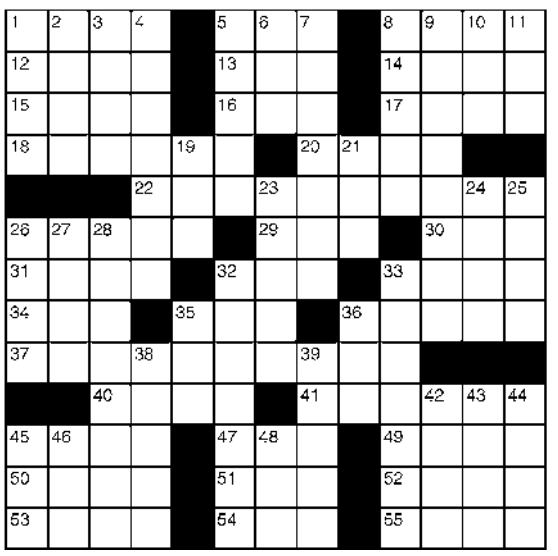

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Dario Franchitti, 49; Polly Walker, 56; Grace Jones, 74; Pete Townshend, 77.

**Happy Birthday:** Gravitate toward a positive lifestyle change. Rid yourself of stress and negativity and surround yourself with people who prop you up rather than bring you down. High energy, discipline and an open mind will encourage you to live in the moment and take advantage of new opportunities. Don't limit what you can do; follow your heart and do what's best for you. Your numbers are 5, 13, 19, 22, 28, 34, 46.

**ARIES** *(March 21-April 19):* Don't count on others to care for your interests. Find out what's trending and act accordingly. If you follow your heart and pursue what excites you, you stand to gain. Don't hesitate to put in long hours to get what you want. ✪✪

**TAURUS** *(April 20-May 20):* Keep your plans to yourself until you have everything in place. Protect against health risks, large crowds and injury. Don't take on too much when focusing on what's important will lead to better results. Handle an emotional situation promptly. ✪✪✪✪

**GEMINI** *(May 21-June 20):* Listen to common sense. Buying into a product that promises the impossible won't pay off. Take the natural route and choose to work out, eat properly and get enough rest. You will feel revitalized and ready to conquer the world. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** *(June 21-July 22):* Take better care of yourself and your reputation and position. Leave nothing to chance, and don't take on what you cannot finish. Go over details and offer a precise assessment of a situation. Don't get involved in anything you can't control. ✪✪✪

**LEO** *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Be open to informative suggestions and talks that spark your imagination. A unique approach to learning or pursuing something new will lead to an exciting connection. Put on a show if it will help drum up support. ✪✪✪

**VIRGO** *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Take a deep look into your psyche and adjust your lifestyle to maintain emotional stability. Taking care of matters that can influence the outcome of something you want will ensure that things go your way and put your mind at ease. ✪✪✪✪

**LIBRA** *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Refuse to let a problem spin out of control. Look at every angle and adjust to fit whatever circumstance you face. Handling others with diplomacy will help you reach your objective without causing a disruption. Share your intentions with someone you love. ✪✪

**SCORPIO** *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Start discussions, and you will bring about worthwhile change. Explaining how you feel and what you expect will encourage others to see things your way. A unique proposal will entice you and prompt a partnership with someone equally gifted. ✪✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Handle delicate situations with care. Take a back seat and observe what others do or say. Put more emphasis on personal gain, physical fitness and making your surroundings more conducive to relaxing and enjoying life. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Let your passion show. Give your all and do your best, but don't risk your health or emotional well-being. Keep busy and stay focused on what's important to you. A domestic change will add comfort but shouldn't put you in debt. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Restlessness can push you in the wrong direction. Take a moment to rethink your strategy and study the consequences and regrets that go along with poor decisions. Get expert advice before you take on something new. ✪✪✪

**PISCES** *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Refuse to let anyone limit you. Use intelligence to outmaneuver anyone standing between you and what you want. Take pleasure in helping others and following through with your plans. Live up to your promises, and do whatever works best for you. ✪✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby:** You are reserved, private and meticulous. You are curious and possessive.

*✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.*

# SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

**THE RUNIC ALPHABET** Solution: 8 letters

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**Yesterday's Answer: Futile**

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# Butler scores 41, Heat take Game 1 from Celtics 118-107

**MIAMI** (AP)—His team was down by eight at halftime, and Miami coach Erik Spoelstra went into the locker room ready to deliver a big speech.

Turns out, one wasn't needed.

Jimmy Butler decided to let his play do the talking.

Butler scored 27 of his 41 points in the second half, and a huge third quarter by the Heat carried them to a 118-107 win over the short-handed Boston Celtics 118-107 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals on Tuesday night.

"Jimmy Butler is an elite competitor," Spoelstra said. "There's a lot of guys in this league that are playing basketball. He's competing to win. That's a totally different thing and he does that as well as anybody in this league."

Tyler Herro scored 18 and Gabe Vincent added 17 for the Heat, who outscored Boston 39-14 in the third quarter. Butler had 17 alone in the third, outscoring the Celtics by himself over those 12 minutes.

Boston shot 2 for 15 in that third quarter.

"We won three quarters other than that, but obviously that one is going to stand out," Celtics coach Ime Udoka said. "We semi-bounced back in the fourth and started to play well again and matched their physicality, but 39-14 on 2-for-15 is tough to overcome."

Along with the 41 points, the rest of Butler's line: nine rebounds, five assists, four steals and three blocked shots. Since the NBA started charting all those stat categories, only five other players — Anthony Davis, Hakeem Olajuwon, David Robinson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and James Harden (who did it twice) — had all those numbers in a single game. None happened in a playoff game, until now.

"I continued to play basketball the right way: Shoot the ball when I'm open, attack, hit the open guy," Butler said. "Honestly, it was a team effort."

Max Strus scored 11 and Bam Adebayo added 10 for Miami.

Jayson Tatum scored 29 for the Celtics, who were without starters Marcus Smart (foot) and Al Horford (health and safety protocols). Jaylen Brown added 24 for Boston, which got 18 apiece from Robert Williams III and Payton Pritchard.

Game 2 is Thursday.

Boston led by 13 in the first half and took a 62-54 lead into halftime. A 22-2 run was how Miami started the second half, the run punctuated by steals that led to baskets on three consecutive possessions. Strus had one, the next two by Butler pushed the lead out to 76-64, and the Heat were off and running.

"It wasn't anything different that they did," Udoka said. "They just came out and imposed their will."

The lead reached 96-76 when Herro was fouled on a 3-point try and made all three free throws early in the fourth.

Boston had a run left; a 10-0 spurt cut the deficit in half, and a 3-pointer from Tatum made it a nine-point game — outcome still very much in doubt — with 7:35 left.

But the Heat had a response. PJ Tucker answered Tatum's 3 with one of his own. Brown then connected from deep to get Boston within single digits again, only to have that one answered by a 3 from Strus.

"Our energy shifted," Adebayo said. "That was the biggest key."

Some of the plans that both sides had for Game 1 were thrown away about 3 ½ hours before game time, when the Celtics revealed that Smart and Horford wouldn't be playing. Smart's absence was somewhat expected because of a mid-foot sprain he suffered in Game 7 of the East semifinals against Milwaukee on Sunday.

Horford's absence, however, was a surprise.

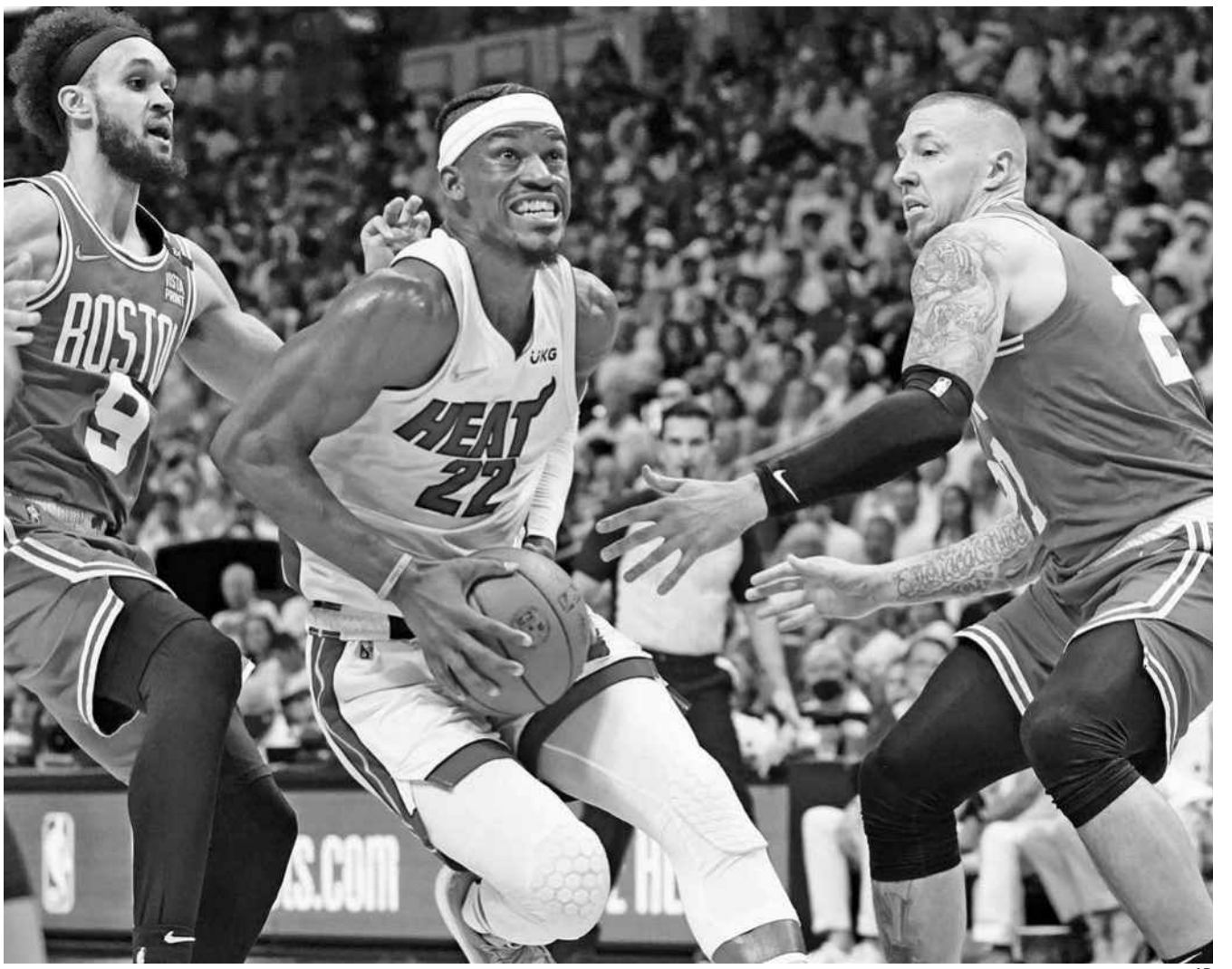
He entered the league's health and safety protocols Tuesday afternoon, which ruled him out of Game 1 and quite possibly could keep him out for multiple games going forward. Yet even without two starters, Boston had a chance.

"Other than the third quarter, I think we won every other quarter," Pritchard said. "Obviously, we try not to let that happen next time."

Boston's biggest lead was 13 points. The Celtics are now 46-7 this season in games in which it led by at least that many. Boston scored 18 points of the first 6 ½ minutes of the first half, then two points in the first 6 ½ minutes of the second half. The Celtics trailed for only 16 seconds in the first two quarters. Boston has dropped 17 of its last 26 East finals games.

Former Miami guard Goran Dragic was in attendance. This series is the 50th in Heat postseason history. They're now 28-22 in Game 1s. Butler's 15th point—a free throw 16 seconds into the second half—gave him 14,000 for his career, including playoffs. He's the 220th NBA player to score that many. Miami missed its first seven shots. Tucker left in the second quarter to get his right ankle re-taped, then returned for the second half.

There were 20 blocked shots in the game—12 by Miami, eight by Boston.



AP

Miami Heat forward Jimmy Butler (22) drives to the basket between Boston Celtics guard Derrick White (9) and center Daniel Theis (27) during the second half of Game 1 of an NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals playoff series, Tuesday, May 17, 2022, in Miami.

# Magic Moment: Orlando wins lottery, lands No. 1 pick

**CHICAGO** (AP)—Orlando Magic president of basketball operations Jeff Weltman was supposed to be at the podium for the NBA draft lottery.

He benched himself in favor of coach Jamahl Mosley.

"I haven't been very good at this," Weltman said. "Coach was feeling lucky and we let him roll the dice. Tonight, he's the Coach of the Year."

And next season, he'll be coaching the No. 1 pick.

The Magic won the lottery Tuesday night and landed the top overall pick for the first time since they got Dwight Howard in 2004.

"We're all just rooting for our team and hoping that number pops up the right way," Weltman said. "But teams are built on these breaks."

The Magic got a huge one, with lottery luck striking the franchise for the fourth time. Orlando also won in back-to-back years in 1992 and 1993, taking Shaquille O'Neal and then trading the rights to Chris Webber for Penny Hardaway.

The Magic finished with the worst record in the Eastern Conference at 22-60 in their first season under Mosley and missed the playoffs for the eighth time in 10 years. But they got a huge win in the lottery, where they had a 14% chance landing the top pick.

"These are hard seasons when you're not winning and that takes a lot out of you and you have to carry your belief in your team and your players and the organization through," Weltman said. "So when you get a break, it helps, and that's how that's how teams are built. So tonight is a good night for us."

Duke's Paolo Banchero, Gonzaga's Chet Holmgren, Purdue's Jaden Ivey and Auburn's Jabari Smith are widely considered the most likely candidates to be taken first. The draft is June 23 in New York.

Oklahoma City got the second pick, followed by Houston and Sacramento. The Kings moved up from the No. 7 spot entering the lottery.

Detroit picks fifth, with Indiana, Portland, New Orleans, San Antonio and Washington rounding out the top 10. The rest of the lottery results are: New York, Oklahoma City, Charlotte and Cleveland.

The lottery, with 14 ping pong balls numbered 1 through 14 placed into a hopper, sets the first four picks. The remainder of the nonplayoff teams go in reverse order of their finish.

Houston, Orlando and Detroit had the best odds of winning the lottery at 14%. All three had young teams that finished at the bottom of the NBA, with the Magic having 2021 lottery picks Jalen Suggs and Franz Wagner on their roster.

"It feels great," Weltman said. "I'm so happy for our fans. They really stuck with us. And nights like this help, where you can really show the fruits of why you go through these phases and these cycles. And hopefully, they're really excited by this."

The Magic are committed to building through the draft after trading veterans Nikola Vucevic and Aaron Gordon in March 2021 for first-round draft picks in 2023 and 2025. But they were missing two of the young players they are trying to build around last season with Jonathan Issac and Markelle Fultz recovering from knee injuries.

With the No. 1 pick and a new practice facility set to open in a few weeks, the Magic have some things going for them at the moment.

Banchero, Holmgren and Smith decided to turn pro after one college season while Ivey spent two years at Purdue.

The 6-foot-10, 250-pound Banchero was viewed as a likely one-and-done player before he arrived at Duke from Seattle as part of a talented recruited class. He lived up to it, helping the Blue Devils reach now-retired coach Mike Krzyzewski's record 13th Final Four before losing to archrival North Carolina.

With his strength and perimeter skills, Banchero averaged 17.2 points and 7.8 rebounds. He scored 20 or more 15 times while failing to reach double figures only twice in 39 games.

Holmgren, a 7-footer with the ability to pass and handle the ball like a guard, was one of the most highly touted recruits ever for Gonzaga. He was the West Coast Conference newcomer of the year, defensive player of the year and a first-team all-conference selection. He averaged 14.1 points, 9.9 rebounds and 3.6 blocks per game, and was a third-team AP All-American.

Smith also lived up to his billing as one of the top recruits ever for Auburn. The Tigers earned their first No. 1 ranking and spent three weeks in the top spot. The 6-10, 220-pounder from Fayetteville, Georgia, was a second-team, All-American and the

SEC freshman of the year. He led Auburn in scoring, averaging 16.9 points and 7.4 rebounds. Smith was also the Tigers' top 3-point shooter after making 79 of 188 attempts (43%).

The rest of the first round is slotted this way: Charlotte at No. 15, followed by Atlanta, Houston (from Brooklyn through the James Harden trade), Chicago, Minnesota, San Antonio, Toronto, Denver, Memphis, Philadelphia (may be conveyed to Brooklyn), Milwaukee, San Antonio, Dallas, Miami, Golden State, Memphis and Oklahoma City.

# Astros hit 5 HRs in 2nd off Boston's Eovaldi, win 13-4

**BOSTON** (AP)—Five Houston players homered off Boston's Nathan Eovaldi in the second inning, tying a major league record as the Astros beat the Red Sox 13-4 on Tuesday night.

Yordan Alvarez, Kyle Tucker, Jeremy Peña, Michael Brantley and Yuli Gurriel all went deep for the Astros, who set a franchise mark for home runs in an inning. It has happened seven other times in the majors.

Tucker added his second homer of the night and seventh of the season in the fourth inning — a grand slam off Tyler Danish — as Houston won for the 13th time in 15 games.

José Urquidy (3-1) allowed 12 hits and four runs, including home runs to Rafael Devers and J.D. Martinez, but lasted five innings.

Eovaldi (1-2) became the third pitcher in major league history to surrender five homers in an inning. His line: 1 2/3 innings, eight hits, nine runs (six earned) and five home runs over 39 pitches.

### Yankees 5, Orioles 4

In Baltimore, Aaron Judge homered twice after his first-inning drive bounced off the new left-field wall at Camden Yards, and New York held off Baltimore for its 20th win in 23 games.

Judge came within a few feet of a three-homer game. His bid in the first hit high off the wall — which was moved back and made taller before this season. He settled for an RBI double, then hit solo shots in the third and fifth to increase his major league-leading home run total to 14.

Judge added a single in the eighth for his third four-hit game and first since 2019.

Ramón Urías went deep for the Orioles, who have lost five straight and matched their season high. Aroldis Chapman allowed a run in the ninth before finishing his ninth save in nine chances.

Jameson Taillon (4-1) allowed three runs in five-plus innings. Reliever Dillon Tate (0-2) took the loss.

### Cubs 7, Pirates 0

In Chicago, Keegan Thompson combined with three relievers on a five-hitter, and Chicago shut out Pittsburgh for the second straight game while extending its winning streak to a season-best four.

Jonathan Villar hit a go-ahead, solo homer in the third and added an RBI single.

Thompson (3-0) allowed four hits and four walks in five innings, while striking out five in his second start this season.

JT Brubaker (0-4) gave up six runs — four earned — and six hits in six innings while striking out a career-high 10.

### Braves 3, Brewers 0

In Milwaukee, Marcell Ozuna hit a two-run homer and Atlanta ended its scoring drought while beating Milwaukee.

Adam Duvall scored an unearned run in the fifth to end a string of 20 straight scoreless innings for the Braves. Ozuna extended the lead to 3-0 in the eighth with his sixth homer of the season, a 421-foot shot to left off Brad Boxberger.

Tucker Davidson (1-0) threw five shutout innings for Atlanta after getting called up from Triple-A Gwinnett earlier in the day. Kenley Jansen retired the side in order in the ninth for his ninth save in as many opportunities.

Adrian Houser (3-4) struck out six and allowed one run on four hits and two walks in six innings.

Rangers 10, Angels 5

In Arlington, Texas, Corey Seager triggered a seven-run eighth inning with a bloop double and Texas rallied to beat Los Angeles.

Mike Trout put the Angels ahead 4-3 with a leadoff homer in the seventh before a wild eighth that started with Seager and Adolis García both beating the shift. Ryan Tepera (1-1) didn't get an out while allowing five runs.

Dennis Santana (1-1) struck out two in a scoreless eighth before the Texas rally.

Kole Calhoun chased Reid Detmers with a tying two-run homer in the fourth. The left-hander made his first start since throwing a no-hitter.

### Dodgers 7, Diamondbacks 6, game 1

In Los Angeles, Mookie Betts, Trea Turner and Justin Turner homered in a five-run sixth inning, and Los Angeles outlasted Arizona to begin the first doubleheader ever played by the NL West rivals.

Will Smith also connected early for the Dodgers, whose four homers matched their season high.

Christian Walker hit an early two-run homer and Alek Thomas added a solo shot in the seventh for the Diamondbacks, who lost their fourth straight in the opener of Dodger Stadium's first doubleheader since 1999.

The Dodgers fell behind before their sluggers got to Tyler Gilbert (0-2) in the sixth.

Ryan Pepiot gave up three runs and two hits over four innings for Los Angeles in his second big league start. Five relievers then combined for five innings of four-hit ball, with Justin Bruihl (1-1) getting the win.

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Boston Red Sox left fielder Alex Verdugo walks back to his position during the second inning of the team's baseball game against the Houston Astros at Fenway Park, Tuesday, May 17, 2022, in Boston.

### Blue Jays 3, Mariners 0

In Toronto, José Berríos and two relievers combined on a six-hitter, George Springer provided all the offense with a bases-loaded triple, and Toronto beat Seattle

Berríos (3-2) stopped a two-start losing streak and matched his season high of seven innings. The right-hander allowed six hits, walked two and struck out four.

David Phelps worked the eighth and Adam Cimber finished for his third save in five chances as the Blue Jays won back-to-back games for the first time since victories over Houston on April 30 and May 1.

Logan Gilbert (4-2) allowed three runs and six hits in a season-high seven innings.

### Mwts 3, Cardinals 1, game 1

In New York, Jeff McNeil and Dominic Smith helped chip away at Miles Mikolas, Trevor Williams was sharp in a spot start and New York beat St. Louis to open a doubleheader.

McNeil and Smith each had two hits, including an RBI double apiece in the third inning.

Mikolas (3-2) allowed a season-high three runs (two earned) over six innings.

Williams threw four scoreless innings in a spot start for injured Tylor Megill. Jake Reed (1-0) followed Williams with two scoreless innings in his 2022 debut.

St. Louis put two runners on against Edwin Díaz in the ninth, but the Mets closer struck out Harrison Bader swinging to end his ninth save.

### Cardinals 4, Mets 3, game 2

In New York Tyler O'Neill redeemed himself after setting a St. Louis record for a doubleheader with six strikeouts, beating out a tiebreaking infield single in the ninth inning for a split against New York.

After the Mets tied it in the eighth, St. Louis drew two walks against Joely Rodríguez (0-2) in the ninth. O'Neill hit a weak roller off Adam Ottavino. Sure-handed third baseman Eduardo Escobar charged hard but double clutched at the ball, allowing the speedy O'Neill to reach first while Brendan Donovan scored from third.

Giovanny Gallegos allowed one-out singles to Dominic Smith and Luis Guillorme in the ninth, then struck out Mark Canha and Francisco Lindor for his seventh save.

Jeff McNeil tied the game against Ryan Helsley (2-0) after the eighth inning was extended by a dropped third strike.

### White Sox 3, Royals 0, game 1

In Kansas City, Mo., Jose Abreu hit a two-run double in a three-run fifth inning, Dylan Cease pitched scoreless ball into the sixth, and Chicago beat Kansas City in the opener of a doubleheader.

Cease (4-1) gave up seven hits in 5 2/3 innings, with nine strikeouts — several in clutch situations.

Liam Hendriks worked the ninth for his 11th save in 14 opportunities.

The Royals struck out 14 times overall, went 0-for-12 with runners in scoring position and stranded 12 runners.

Jonathan Heasley (0-2) pitched around trouble until his final inning, the fifth.

### Royals 2, White Sox 1, game 2

In Kansas City, Mo., Brady Singer pitched seven scoreless innings to outduel Davis Martin, and Kansas City split a doubleheader with Chicago.

M.J. Melendez hit his first career homer for the Royals.

Singer (1-0) struck out a career-high nine batters, allowed four hits and didn't walk anyone.

Martin (0-1) allowed one run on five hits in five innings.

Josh Staumont earned his third save in five chances.

### Padres 3, Phillies 0

In Philadelphia, Mike Clevinger tossed one-hit ball over five shutout innings and combined with two relievers to lead San Diego past Philadelphia.

Clevinger (1-0) won for the first time in three starts this season. The righty tossed five innings for the first time this year, striking out five and walking none over 75 pitches.

MacKenzie Gore struck out four in three scoreless innings and Taylor Rogers worked the ninth for his 14th save.

Zach Eflin (1-3) nearly matched Clevinger with five strikeouts over six innings. He gave up a run in the fifth on a forceout.

### Rwsas 5, Guardians 4, 10 innings

In Cleveland, Mike Moustakas drew the third straight walk in the 10th inning by Nick Sandlin to force in a run, and Cincinnati held on to beat Cleveland.

Moustakas took three straight pitches from Sandlin (3-2) to bring in Matt Reynolds, who started the inning at second base.

Art Warren (2-1) gave up Owen Miller's tying, two-run homer in the ninth. Rookie reliever Alexis Díaz struck out Cleveland star José Ramírez with the bases loaded for the final out and his first save.

### Giants 10, Rockies 7

In Denver, Tommy La Stella homered on the second pitch of the game and doubled twice as San Francisco extended its dominance against Colorado.

The Giants have won 12 straight against their NL West rival.

Randal Grichuk homered and C.J. Cron had three hits for the Rockies, who have dropped eight of nine overall.

Alex Cobb (3-1) allowed seven runs in 5 1/3 innings. Chad Kuhl (3-2) gave up six runs, five earned, in three innings. Camilo Doval pitched the ninth inning for his seventh save.

### Rays 8, Tigers 1

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Kevin Kiermaier, Kevin Phillips and Randy Arozarena each homered and drove in two runs, Shane McClanahan struck out seven in seven innings and Tampa Bay beat Detroit.

Ji-Man Choi also drove in two runs for the Rays, who broke Detroit's four-game winning streak before an announced crowd of 8,475.

Kiermaier had three hits, including a leadoff homer in the second off Detroit starter Beau Brieske (0-3).

McClanahan (3-2) breezed through three perfect innings on 27 pitches before giving up an infield single to Robbie Grossman. He allowed one run on four hits.

### Marlins 5, Nationals 1

In Miami, Miguel Rojas homered, doubled and singled to lead Miami past Washington.

Jesús Sánchez also went deep and Jesús Aguilar had two hits for the Marlins, who will attempt to complete their second three-game sweep of the season against Washington on Wednesday.

Miami starter Cody Poteet pitched 4 2/3 scoreless innings in his first start of the season. Anthony Bender (1-3) relieved Poteet and threw one scoreless inning. Four additional Miami relievers combined to get the final 13 outs.

Joan Adon (1-7) allowed one run, five hits, struck out two and hit a batter with a pitch in 4 2/3 innings.

# 450+ show support at Marianas Tourism Month Fun Run

A total of 459 participants turned out early Saturday morning in Saipan to show support at the Fit to Lead Marianas Tourism Month Fun Run, which was organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority in collaboration with the Office of the Governor.

The Top 3 overall finishers for both male and female categories received cash prizes of $250 for first place, $150 for second place, and $100 for third place. Topping the male category were Dev Bachani (18:27.39), edging out Keith Longuski (18:27.98) and followed by Kosuke Sato (19:00.51). Frontrunners in the female category were Akiko Miller (20:37.07), who came down to the wire with Denis Myers (20:38.72), with Kathlyn Chavez in third (27:39.13).

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Brennan Chisato, left, and Shaina Chisato, second right, won first place in the Best Tourist Costume Contest during the Fit-to-Lead Marianas Tourism Month Fun Run last May14.

The Best Tourist Costume prize was awarded to Shaina Chisato and Brennan Chisato, dressed as a tourist family with valid passports. In second place was "tourist boy" Danny Cheng, and third place was Mustang rental car Julie Hall. The winners were awarded $500 for first place, $300 for second place, and $200 for third place.

"On behalf of the MVA and our tourism partners, we extend a huge si Yu'us ma'ase and ghilisou to everyone who came out to show support for the industry at Saturday's Fit to Lead Marianas Tourism Month Fun Run, Run," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo.

"Tourism creates jobs, allows businesses and the government to generate revenue, and creates numerous other opportunities that make our islands a better place to visit and do business. It's encouraging to see so many people turn out to celebrate Tourism Month and all it means to see some many people turn out to celebrate Tourism Month and all it means to our community."our community."

The fun run was also supported by Run Saipan, Tan Sui Lin Foundation, Lady Diann Run Saipan, Tan Sui Lin Foundation, Lady Diann Torres Foundation, Tan Holdings Corp., Dept. of Public Safety, Dept. of Public Lands & Natural Resources, Adztech, D&Q, Pho Tam, Island Café, Roil Soil, ELands & Natural Resources, Adztech, D&Q, Pho Tam, Island Café, Roil Soil, E--Land Group Land Group (Kensington Hotel Saipan, PIC Saipan, Coral Ocean Resort), Helios Engineering Group, United (Kensington Hotel Saipan, PIC Saipan, Coral Ocean Resort), Helios Engineering Group, United Filipino Organization, Saipan Magalahi Eagles Club, Bicol Association, Chamorro Island Foods, Garapan Farmers Market, The Shack, Latte Built, Puerto Rico Bento, Northern Marianas Athletics, and FitBeat.

The fun run started at Garapan Fishing Base and followed the Saipan Beach Road Pathway to the Japanese tank at Quartermaster Road intersection and back. The first wave of runners started at 6:30am and the second wave at 7am. Each participant also received a raffle ticket for a chance to win various prizes. The first 300 participants on site also received a "CNMI Tourism Month/Fit to Lead" T-shirt.

Race proceeds will benefit the Diabetes Coalition and Run Saipan.

The MVA is also holding a student logo contest. Students in grades 9-12 are asked to incorporate the slogans "Marianas Tourism Month" and "Tourism is Everybody's Business" in their vision of the future of travel. Prizes are: $500 for first place, $200 for second place, and $100 for third place. Entries must be submitted with a parental consent form by 5pm on May 23, 2022. Rules and parental release forms are downloadable under Featured Events at www.facebook.com/VisitTheMarianasor at www.mymarianas.com.

The public also has the chance to win Tourism Month T-shirts and gift cards by correctly answering tourism-related trivia questions on radio stations Power 99 (97.5 FM) and KCNM-KZMI (103.9 FM) and cable station KSPN2.

The general public is invited to join the Tourism Month Cleanup on Saturday, May 28, 2022, in Marpi. Participants will meet at 8am at the Last Command Post in Marpi.

Rota students will have a painting workshop on May 21 to learn various painting techniques and will then have the opportunity to win cash prizes for painting tourist attractions. Students of Dr. Rita Inos Jr./Sr. High School will receive a guided tour of historic sites on May 27.

Another two-day cleanup of major historical sites will be held on Tinian. Tinian youth, tour guides, and industry frontline workers will be a "Tourist for a Day" on May 25 and 27, receiving a guided tour of the island to learn more about Tinian's tourist attractions. A photo contest highlighting the island's natural, historical and cultural attractions is also being held. ***(PR)***

## FINAL

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while Zhi and Oh normed 80.75 and 93.5 in the women's juniors.

The average scores of the alternates were 79.5 for Nakamura, 94.5 for Koebel, and 89.5 for Dela Cruz.

The rest of the original 14-player CNMI national golf pool for the Mini Games was made up of Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho, Norman Peter "Dung" Tenorio, and Antonio "Tonchu" Norita.

Coaching the men's and men's juniors are Ned Norita and Victor Salas, while the women's and women's juniors will be coached by Yuko Togawa.

CFoGA president Edward Manibusan congratulated all the eight players that made the final cut as well as the three alternates backing them up.

He also gave kudos to the rest of the officers of CFoGA, the national coaches, and the Mini Games Organizing Committee, led by chair Marco Peter, for supporting the sport of golf during the entirety of the selection process leading up to the Mini Games.

"Since we started the qualifiers last year the players who are in the pool have been part of our family. We really appreciate the time they spent away from family that enabled them to do this and made sure they trained for the Mini Games. We all do this for the Commonwealth. This is a night that we want to present the team, finally, and also a night we want to show our appreciation to all of you who took part in this process to make sure that we form a good team, a great team. We only have exactly a month before the Mini Games and we want to make everyone just remember we're representing the CNMI in these Mini Games," he said.

A total of 11 countries will take part in the golf competition of the Mini Games, which will be played at the Coral Ocean Golf Resort. Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, Northern Marianas, and Solomon Islands will have eight golfers each. Papua New Guinea and Tahiti will be sending four apiece, while Cook Islands will have a three-person team. Both Samoa and Vanuatu will have two players each coming.

## KANOA

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notched the boys U16 division crown for the club's sweep in the age group, its girls U16 team played its final match for the season last Saturday and waltzed past MP United, 5-0, to finish the competition with an unbeaten record—8-0-0.

Before facing MP United, Kanoa had already clinched the girls U16 division in the penultimate week of the season, as the eventual champion's seven victories were two wins ahead of Southern United. Kanoa went on to complete a perfect run in the spring competition after drawing goals from five different players in their game against MPU. Audrey Castro, Deseha Mendiola, Kaithlyn Chavez, Aubrey White, and Vianca Mangulabnan scored in Kanoa's rout of MP United.

Southern United also closed out the season with a win after downing Shirley's, 7-2.

Megan Elayda, Brianne Echalico, and Rizza Relucio drilled two goals apiece in Southern's victory, while Vaniqa Torres contributed one. Southern wrapped up the season with a 6-0-2 record for second place in the final team rankings and is followed by MP United (3-1-4), Shirley's (0-3-5), and Paire (0-2-6).

## RUN

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tion for a good cause to launch a health initiative on Rota by Team Proa," he reiterated.

NMC president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero joined Dela Cruz in the appeal for the donation of running shoes.

"NMC's Health Squad appreciates Run Saipan's assistance in helping our Rota community get healthy by preparing for their upcoming Couch to 5K Run," he said.

### Run Saipan says kudos

Dela Cruz, meanwhile, extended his thanks to everyone who made last Saturday's Marianas Tourism Month 5K Fun Run a success.

"Thank you to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for letting us be a part of his fitness journey and event. Thank you also to the CNMI Office of the Governor, Marianas Visitors Authority, Tan Sui Lin Foundation, Lady Dianne Torres Foundation, Tan Holdings, Saipan International School, Power 99, Department of Public Safety and especially Northern Marianas Athletics for running the online registration system, and officially sanctioning the governor's race. Thank you as well to all participants supporters. Thank you to Run Saipan's volunteer race staff, ADZTECH Company, and MVA staff for all their hard work in making this possible."

The Marianas Tourism Month 5K Fun Run was organized by Run Saipan along with the Office of the Governor and MVA.

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Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. has pledged to donate four pair of running shoes in the donation drive for Northern Marianas College's Couch to 5K Run set for June.

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# Final Mini Games golf team announced

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The Commonwealth Federation of Golf Associations presented the final eight golfers that will represent the CNMI in next month's Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 during dinner Tuesday night at Aqua Resort Club.

Making up the team are J.J. Atalig and Franco Santos for the men's team, Zhi Li Yun and Joshua Atalig for the men's junior team, Janet Torres and Rose Rohringer for the women's team, and Zhi Min Jin and Soarin Oh for the women's junior team.

The alternates are Harry Nakamura Jr. (men's), Joey "Kazu" Dela Cruz (men's junior), and Nirimai Koebel (women's).

The final eight-player roster for the national team and the three alternates were determined during a recent four-round tourney.

Atalig and Santos topped the men's field with a 75 and 78.75 average, respectively. In the men's juniors, Zhi and Joshua Atalig ruled the roost with their respective average scores of 81.25 and 85.5.

Torres (91.75) and Rohringer (95) had the best average scores among the women,

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MARK RABAGO
The CNMI National Golf Team for the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022. From left top row, coach Victor Salas, J.J. Atalig, Franco Santos, Zhi Li Yu, Joshua Atalig, and coach Ned Norita. From left front row, Janet Torres, Soarin Oh, Zhi Min Jin, and Rose Rohringer.

## Run Saipan wants your 'soles'

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Run Saipan is launching a shoe drive that will benefit community members on Rota who will take part in a 5K fun run, dubbed Couch to 5K Run, that will be organized by the Northern Marianas College.

"We're tag-teaming with NMC to launch the first-ever shoe drive. The items collected in the shoe drive will be donated to the people of Rota who do not have access to athletics stores on the island. This is going to help with the college's launch of a 5K on Rota in June," said Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr.

Run Saipan said those who want to donate their extra pairs of running shoes to please bring them to NMC more specifically to the Office of the President.

Asked what condition the running shoes to be donated should be, Dela Cruz simply said "good" condition.

"They can be used but not with holes, missing laces, ripped off soles, etc. It's a dona-

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## Kanoa sweeps U16 titles

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Kanoa Football Club completed its sweep of the U16 division titles in the TakeCare NMIFA Youth Spring League 2022 following a 3-2 victory against MP United Football Club last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Markus Toves scored two goals, while Tyler Omelau added one in Kanoa's title-clinching win in the boys U16 division. Isaiah Hossain and Cody Shimizu delivered the pair for MPU. All five goals in the match were recorded in the first half with Toves earning the go-ahead in the 32nd minute and Kanoa hanging on to the shaky lead in the second half to secure the title.

Kanoa entered the final week of the double-round robin competition in a tight race for the division championship with MP United and TanHoldings FC, which also prevailed in its last assignment of the season after hammering Paire, 16-0. The close battle for the division title ended up with Kanoa narrowly beating TanHoldings, as the former capped the season with an 8-1-1 win-draw loss record against the latter's 8-0-2 mark. Kanoa finished with 25 points, while TanHoldings had 24, and MP United settled for third place with its 19 markers and 6-1-3 card. Matansa (5-0-5), Paire (1-0-9), and Shirley's (1-0-9) completed the final standings.

Matansa also played in the last week of the season and topped Shirley's 7-4. Jerome Mettao led Matansa's triumph after firing three goals, while Nolan Ngewakl and Carvin Cruzat chipped in two apiece. Shirley's got two goals from Javin Bisek and one each from NJ Pino and Bennet Haro.

Meanwhile, before Kanoa

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MICHAELA PANGANIBAN
A Kanoa Football Club player dribbles in front of an MP United defender during their game in the girls U16 division of the TakeCare NMIFA Youth Spring League 2022 last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.